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## CELEBRATE!

Radical hospitality  
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At the end of May, the college community bid a fond farewell and collective thank you to William Hynes, sixth president. His vision and leadership through the first eight years of this new millenium defined a new era, too, for St. Norbert College.

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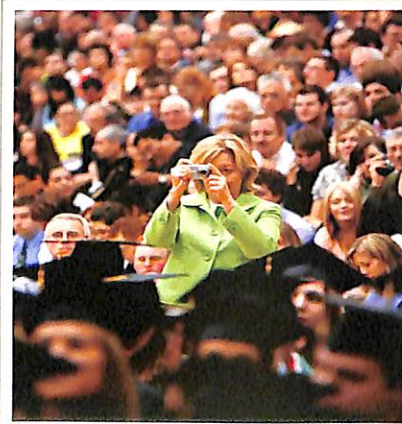
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## Daily celebrations

**Bridget Krage O'Connor '93**  
Enrollment Management and Communications

*For this issue, which goes to press as the college presidency is about to pass into new hands, we offer this guest editorial in place of the traditional president's message.*

It's been a good day.

It started out at Luna Café where owners Mark and Angel have turned half of campus into caffeine junkies. Adi was there. We chat about how it's unbelievable that he'll be a senior. "Didn't I just interview you for admission?" I ask in disbelief.

On my way out, I say hello to a fellow Old St. Joe's parishioner, the wife of one of our professors emeriti, and another student. I felt at home the first time I stepped on campus in 1988 and friendly daily exchanges like these punctuate my belief in this community.

With latte in hand, I walk to the Office of Communications to meet Drew. He's busy designing this magazine. But first I visit with his son, Joel, a high-school student who is helping out in the office over the summer. Joel's project of the day: creating a slideshow with an original soundtrack (his own composition) that prospective students will view during College Planning Days.

I work my way to the Office of Admission to meet with a military veteran who wants to transfer to St. Norbert. "It's where I'll have the best preparation for medical school," he says. We have an interesting chat about the research he's doing on diabetes.

A slew of e-mails, memos and phone calls later, I'm on my way to a lunch appointment but stop in the parking lot to talk with the Taft family, here from Necedah, Wis., for freshman orientation. They have a lot on their minds. We talk for about 15 minutes before they head to a parent session on the topic of academic support. Impressive orientation, they say. I agree.

Over lunch, I visit with my former intern, Sara. She shares that she is expecting a baby and just got a promotion. "How will I be able to balance a career with being a mom?" she worries. "A day at a time," I answer. With a three-year-old at home, sometimes it is only an hour at a time for me.

More issues surface in the afternoon: a call from a parent wondering why his son needed to take a summer course; calls from trustees wanting to know about enrollment results; a reporter inquiring about the arrival of our new president, **Tom Kunkel**, in July ... and an update from a staff member whose mom just had a stroke. "You don't think anything will ever happen," she says. But now, she and her four siblings will need to find a new normal for their mom. "I'll take your prayers," she says as we hang up.

This is the quiet beauty of being on campus. Individual interactions that alone are precious but together, profound expressions of Norbertine radical hospitality. Some days I feel the sense of community and celebration of life so acutely that I can hardly hold back the tears. In fact, last week during a baptism at Old St. Joe's my tears fell nearly as fast as the water poured over the newborn. Thank God I found my way here as a student nearly 20 years ago. It will always be the daily celebrations that make this my home. ○



*Reflecting the mission statement of the college, St. Norbert College Magazine links the college's past and present by chronicling its academic, cultural, religious and co-curricular life.*

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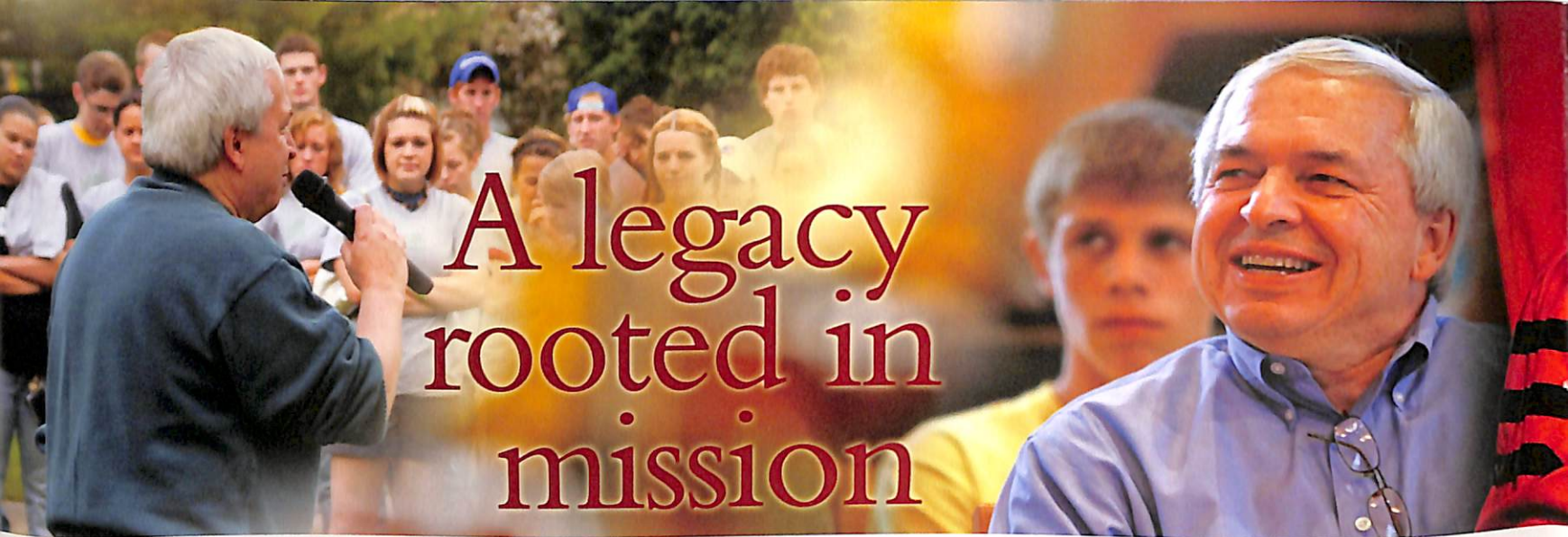
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# A legacy rooted in mission

Since he first began to speak of his imminent transition from president's office to theologian's study, **President William Hynes** has used an image borrowed from the student-athlete. For eight years, he has seen himself as just one man in a relay—as the one who has held the destiny of the team in his hands for a while, and whose race has not been run until he has successfully passed the baton to the next runner.

Hynes is not the first theologian to run in this race. Cardinal John Henry Newman, to whose “Idea of a University” (1854) leaders in higher education still turn, said this: “God has created me to do Him some definite service. He has committed some work to me which He has not committed to another. I have my mission. I may never know it in this life but I shall be told it in the next.”

“I am a link in a chain, a bond of connection between persons. He has not created me for naught. I shall do good—I shall do His work. I shall be an angel of peace, a preacher of truth in my own place, while not intending it, if I do but keep His commandments. Therefore I will trust Him.”

The whole history of St. Norbert College has been shaped under the direction of only six men and, from the hands of Abbot Bernard Pennings, the baton came to rest in the hands of William Hynes, from 2000 to 2008 one link in the chain.

Now embarking on a year's sabbatical before returning to the role of scholar and teacher as a member of the faculty at St. Norbert, Hynes considered his term as president in an interview with **Michael Marsden** (Academic Affairs) broadcast this spring on the “Conversations from St. Norbert College” television show.

Asked to weigh the legacy of those years, Hynes pointed out that he was not a proponent of the “great men and women of history” approach that ascribed successes to a single person. But among the many achievements the community had brought about during his presidency, he identified three that he felt particularly characterized those years:

- rooting the college in its mission, values and traditions.
- making the college's finances and procedures as transparent as possible.
- improving the college's financial stability.

“One of the most important natural resources a college or university has is who it is, where it's come from and what are its founding values—what does it seek to accomplish?” Hynes said. “I think, particularly by creating a new structure and having a vice president for mission and heritage, we've made sure we are constantly keeping our core beliefs at the front and center of everything we do.”

“You want to stick to your knitting and know who you are.”

## Words from an appreciative community

What Bill has demonstrated has been this enthusiasm for the intellectual life, for ideas. And that is at the heart of a community, the community we call St. Norbert. Because at that center is a love for learning, is a love for the discussion of ideas, is a confidence that, as part of a faith community, we are celebrating and we're constantly

in quest for the truth. Bill, for that kind of intellectual stimulation and inspiration, we are all so grateful.

—**Michael Lukens** (Religious Studies)

You always look at someone's tenure and say, have they left the institution or the enterprise better than when they arrived. Without any equivocation, without any

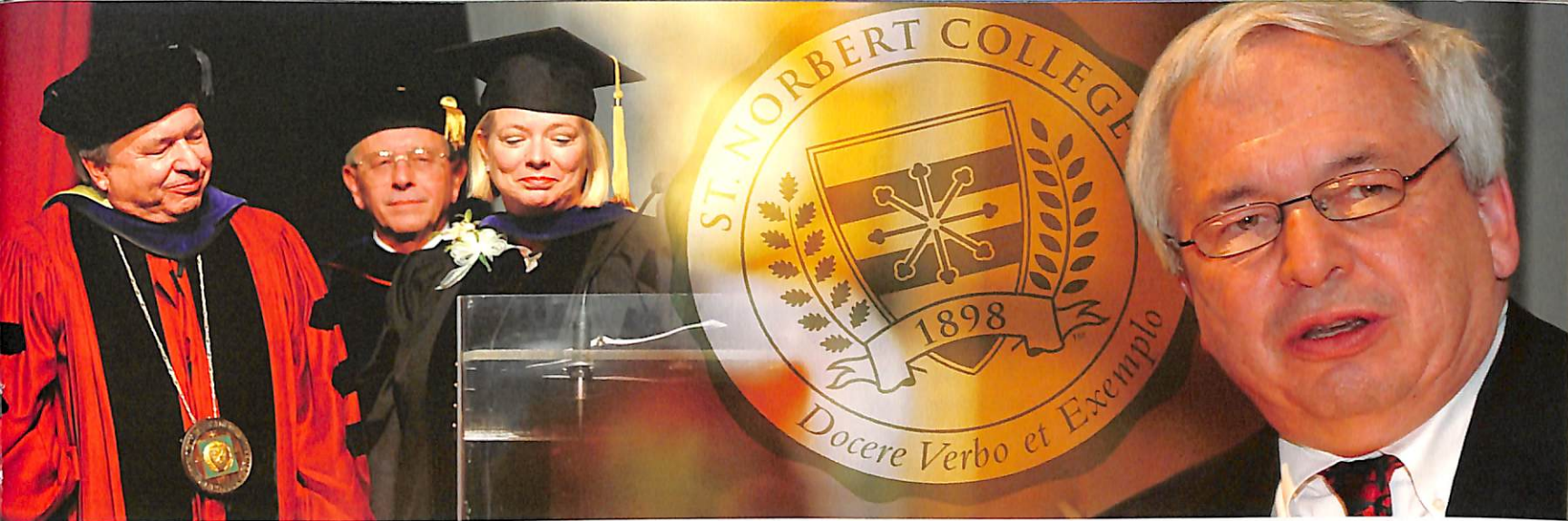
hesitation, the answer to that question is, yes. From the standpoint of academics, from the standpoint of the financial area, from the standpoint of the ability of our students, the depth and breadth of our faculty across the board, Bill has worked tirelessly to raise those.

—**Patrick Kelly '77**, chairman,  
Board of Trustees

Dr. Hynes, the Yorubas of Nigeria will say *ese*, the Ewes of Ghana say *akpe*, the Zulus of South Africa say *siyabonga*, the Fang of Gabon say *abora*, the Temne of Sierra Leone say *momo* and, in Swahili, *asante fana*. And, at St. Norbert College, in English, I say, “Thank you.”

—**Bola Delano-Oriaran** (Education)





You don't want to try and reinvent yourself in a continuous manner so that you become something other."

It's now easier for others to know what St. Norbert is, too. Not only is the college listed among the best small liberal arts schools in the country but its advancing academic excellence has been assured through comprehensive program review.

Added to this is a new culture of transparency and accountability, along with a practice of participatory decision-making and an inclusive strategic planning process.

Hynes told Marsden the college had always been in good financial shape, but now it was in excellent shape. During his tenure, St. Norbert had raised some \$80 million for the endowment and capital projects. The college was also running not just a balanced budget, but budgets that produced net income that could be drawn upon for college programs every year. And the college had improved its compensation package for faculty and staff, making it more competitive nationally.

Hynes credits the entire community for these successes and others that include:

- improved outreach to St. Norbert alumni and communications with college constituents.
- faculty and student representation on the committees of the board of trustees.

- introduction of an ecumenical service of Common Prayer and sacred hour on Wednesdays.
- a deepening commitment to diversity and gender equity.

"It is a rare privilege to have served as the sixth president of St. Norbert College," Hynes told the campus in his farewell address. "This is a unique and distinctive community. This is a special time of year when we are surrounded by the signs of spring and we watch our seniors and new alumni stride across the stage to graduate—nervous, anxious to do well, far more polished than when they arrived, bedecked with honors and colors, and proud progeny of both their families and St. Norbert College.

"Remember what they found here—a set of core values and skill sets, wiser heads, lifelong friendships, and an ability to know how to learn to learn. We too, like our students, if we are open and trusting, can grow and rediscover core values, make friendships for life, and find our path, cherishing the best of the past and embracing the new."

In these sentiments, he again echoed Newman, who shall have the final word:

"A truly great intellect ... is one which takes a connected view of old and new, past and present, far and near, and which has an insight into the influence of all these one on another; without which there is no whole, and no centre." ○

**H**e made no decision that I can recall that wasn't made with an eye to 10, 20 years down the road. He is very attuned to the world of ideas and to higher education.

—Michael Marsden (Academic Affairs)

**B**ill brought stability to our financial condition by embracing a balanced budget approach that included input

from all areas of the college. He instituted a strategic planning committee to help prioritize our long-range goals. In all that he did, Bill kept the focus of the mission and heritage of the college in the forefront, including creating a position in his cabinet for the vice president for mission and heritage.

—Eileen Jahnke (Business and Finance)



President William Hynes and his wife, Margie Shurgot, at a farewell reception held in their honor on campus in May.





This drawing of William Hynes by John Gordon (Art) will hang in Main Hall alongside portraits of the previous five presidents of the college.

He brings, as a lay president, a knowledge of the Catholic intellectual tradition that is really exceptional and I think that in some ways he understands us as Norbertines better maybe than some Norbertines do themselves. I would say that he is a happy, visionary leader.

—The Rev. Andrew Ciferni, O.Praem., '64

We are really the product of three traditions—liberal arts, Catholic and Norbertine—and Bill has really helped us understand those as, as he would say, our master traditions. I think his articulation of the uniqueness of St. Norbert College, of the mission of St. Norbert College, is one of his greatest gifts to us.

At the same time I think he has helped us break out of sometimes a rather parochial, provincial view of ourselves so that we can actually think of ourselves differently and imagine ourselves differently. I think that's really a great legacy. He is dedicated, hardworking and an articulate spokesperson for the uniqueness of St. Norbert College and the kind of educational experience students, faculty and staff can have here at the college.

—Howard Ebert  
(Humanities and Fine Arts)

## New library will stand as testament to Hynes' vision

This spring saw the official start of construction work on the new Mulva Library, a state-of-the-art purpose-built facility that, through the vision of a president and the generosity of a community, will soon be the newest landmark on campus.

Miriam (Brozyna) '69 and Jim Mulva, whose lead gift of \$10 million made the library project a reality, were present for the official groundbreaking, along with other lead donors and professionals from the design and building teams. They joined Abbot Gary Neville, O.Praem., '73, President William Hynes and chairman of the board of trustees Patrick Kelly '77 in turning a symbolic spadeful of sod to mark the occasion.

Kelly paid tribute to Hynes' lead in seeing the project to fruition: "Today, we celebrate the vision that Bill Hynes had for this library. All visions are rooted in deeply held belief. He will tell you that many other people worked hard for this day to become reality, and he is correct, but make no mistake about it, this library is his vision."

The heavens blessed the official groundbreaking ceremony with drenching rain, but as the Rev. Jay Fostner, O.Praem., '88 observed as he prayed over the project, you can't have a baptism without water.

The new facility will be the second most important building on campus after Old St. Joseph Church. It will be the largest building on campus and, at \$20 million, its biggest-ever undertaking.

It will mark the campus's western gateway, providing a major presence on the west side of Third Street and initiating the transition to the college's emerging western edge. It will offer an attractive gathering point at the new center of a campus that now extends across Third Street and beyond.

Completion of the Mulva Library will mean that, for the first time in its almost 110-year history, St. Norbert College will have a building designed from its inception to serve exclusively as a library. The Todd Wehr Library presently occupies a building that originally served as a residence hall.

The new building will offer a variety of gathering places for patrons and 50 percent more space for materials storage, creating a 21st century sanctuary for knowledge. Most importantly, it will offer a full range of the technological capabilities requisite for a complete education today, from wireless internet access for laptop users to multimedia-equipped meeting rooms.

Alumni and friends can join the campus community in keeping an eye on day-by-day construction activities. Images from a newly installed webcam trained on the site are available at [www.snc.edu/mulvalibrary](http://www.snc.edu/mulvalibrary). The web site also provides building plans and information about the new facility. ○







## Wisconsin governor promotes scholarship

Gov. Jim Doyle was at St. Norbert this April to promote the Wisconsin Covenant, an agreement he launched in the fall of 2006 to ensure that good high school students were guaranteed a spot at one of the colleges or universities in the state—private or public—and a financial aid package to make it affordable.

**Mark Selin** (Admission) says the covenant encourages students who may not have thought college was a possibility to work towards that goal. Those who do so will be recognized as Wisconsin Covenant Scholars.

As a member of the Wisconsin Association of Independent Colleges and Universities, St. Norbert is just one of the institutions of higher education participating in the Wisconsin Covenant. According to Selin, both the college and the students will benefit from the program.

"The hope is that St. Norbert College gets more qualified students from all areas of the state," he says. "The program will also help the students that come to us be more prepared."

## Enhanced science facilities get head start

Groundwork ahead of the renovation and expansion of science facilities at St. Norbert will begin a year before schedule, thanks to a significant gift to the college.

Improvements to the science building will be designed to facilitate current work in the natural sciences and to anticipate the needs of future developments in research and science education. Creating such state-of-the-art facilities will be a challenge, says **Michael Marsden** (Academic Affairs), but one the college is ready to tackle.

The Dr. John R. Minahan Science Hall was dedicated in 1967. Areas of the building have undergone alterations over the years, but the planned renovation and expansion is on an unprecedented scale.

The \$375,000 necessary to fund schematics for the project comes as a donation from **Mark Stinski '63**, a professor of virology at the University of Iowa.

## Sr. Helen Prejean to speak on campus

Sr. Helen Prejean, author of "Dead Man Walking," will give a public lecture in the college's Walter Theatre on Oct. 9. Prejean, known for her opposition to the death penalty, counsels

inmates on death row and families of murder victims.

Prejean's talk is one of the events planned for Heritage Days, the annual celebration of the founding of the college in 1898. Heritage Days events are open to all. This year's program also includes a symposium on "The Life of Abbot Pennings" and a concert from Christian rock band Ceili Rain.

More information on Heritage Days is available on the college web site at [www.snc.edu/mission/heritagedays.html](http://www.snc.edu/mission/heritagedays.html).

## Presidential inauguration set for Oct. 10

The seventh president of St. Norbert College will be formally installed on Friday, Oct. 10, the date set for the inauguration of **Thomas Kunkel**.

Alumni, along with all friends of the college, are invited to attend this historic event, which begins with the Inaugural Mass at St. Norbert Abbey. The inauguration ceremony itself takes place in Schuldes Sports Center, with a reception following.

The new president takes up his position at St. Norbert this month after eight years as dean of the Philip Merrill College of Journalism at the University of Maryland.

Kunkel has chosen to focus on "The Pursuit of Excellence" as the theme for his inauguration. The celebration takes place during Heritage Days.

## Former Packers coach speaks on leadership

A presentation on leadership in Old St. Joe's marked Mike Sherman's first speaking engagement in northeastern Wisconsin since leaving the Green Bay Packers.

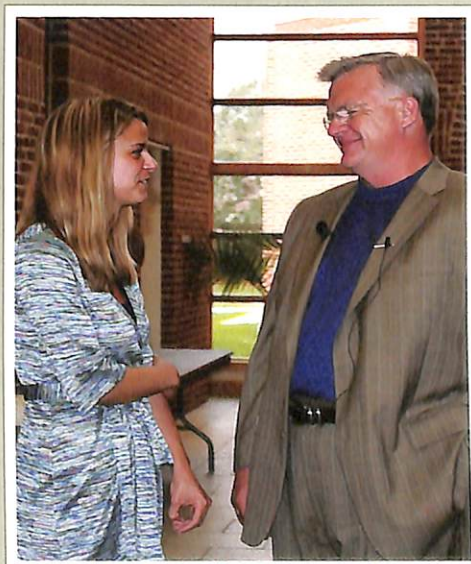
At the invitation of students taking the leadership studies minor, the former Packers coach and general manager spoke about his own philosophy of leadership. Sherman, who is now coaching at Texas A&M, told his audience that people today are afraid to fail, or not be liked by people. What was needed were leaders who believed in themselves and in their mission.

**Abby Scher '08**, who introduced the student-planned, student-led public event this spring, commented that Sherman covered areas of leadership essential to personal development.

"He gave a different insight toward leadership from a coach's perspective," she said. "I think he really impacted not only our own, but the community's perceptions on what it really takes to be a leader."

The leadership studies students—among them Sherman's daughter, **Emily Sherman '09**—planned the seminar to make both current students and the general public more aware of their field of study.

"We were all incredibly impressed with Mr. Sherman's presentation," said Scher. "We could not have asked for a better speaker."



Mike Sherman and daughter Emily '09.



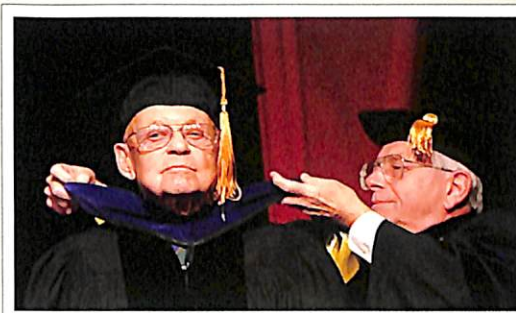


Bright smiles and solemn moments, with a bit of Latin to dignify the occasion and a digital record to fix in time one of life's most significant transitions: the Class of 2008 gathered to celebrate their Commencement.

Right: Len Liebmann '36 receives an honorary degree from Michael Marsden, dean of the college and academic vice president.

Left: A mortar board personal motto translates from the Latin as "to be, rather than to seem."

Below: Emily Hart '08 and Tarasita Strey '08: friends forever.



## Commencement 2008

445 candidates for baccalaureate degrees  
18 candidates for master's degrees

Commencement speaker **Tamar March**, founder and director of the Arden Institute

President's Medal awarded to **Michael Marsden**, dean of the college and academic vice president

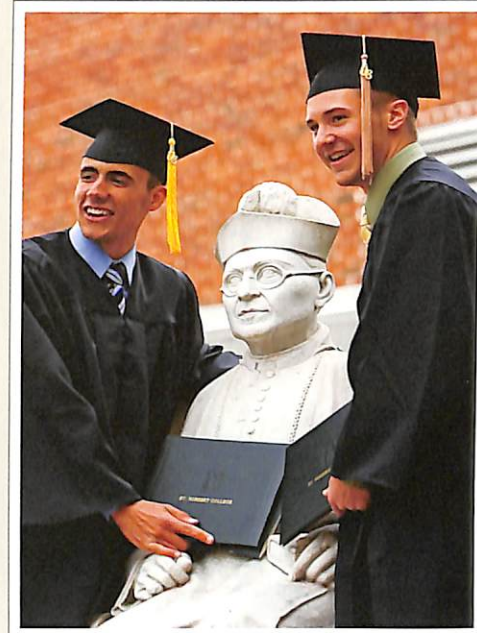
Honorary Doctor of Laws degrees conferred on **Leonard Liebmann '36**, **President William Hynes** and his wife, **Margaret Shurgot**, and **Tamar March**

Student Commencement speaker **Billy Falk '08**





Above: Bola Delano-Oriaran (Education) and Karlyn Crowley (English) ready to march with faculty colleagues.  
Right: Graduates Alex Albers '08 (left) and Tom Georgia '08 strike a pose with the statue of Abbot Pennings.



## Wisdom for life's transitions

**T**ransitions more radical than most have brought Commencement speaker Tamar March to her current role as director of the Arden Institute, and it was transitions of which she spoke to St. Norbert's graduating class of 2008.

Noting their imminent transformation from students to alumni, March pointed out that the class would be the last to graduate under the sixth president of St. Norbert College. **President William Hynes** himself was about to turn the page to a new chapter in his own life, returning to his calling as scholar and teacher.

The founder of Arden (the Radcliffe-affiliated academy attached to the Shakespeare & Company theatre group), March said that, in her own life, she increasingly recognized her debt to role models who had had a profound and ongoing influence: her parents and Vaclav Havel, who led their native country to

freedom. The invasion of Czechoslovakia by Hitler's forces and, after the war, by the Soviets, forced her parents to flee their home twice in seven years.

"It was their undaunted courage in the face of monumental obstacles that has marked me in deep ways and I strive daily to live up to their stature."

Havel, the former president of the Czech Republic, was a successful playwright when the communists marched into Czechoslovakia in 1948. He was imprisoned for resisting all attempts to silence him but, when he emerged from prison, it was as a strong and passionate voice for freedom, March said—a voice that resulted in what has become known as the Velvet Revolution.

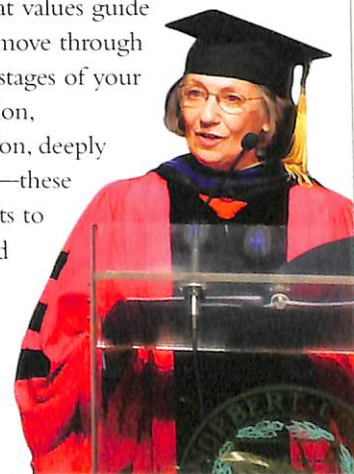
She added, "Havel was elected president of what was to become the Czech Republic. The particular event that has had a deep effect on me is that, before taking office, Havel retreated for several weeks in order to reflect in solitude—to contemplate (to use a word dear to the Norbertines) the awesome responsibility of leading his country out of utter devastation and deprivation and into a new and prosperous future.

"His goal in retreating was to take stock of himself—of his personal values—the values that would guide his actions as

president, that would strengthen him as a leader, that would make him effective in the role into which he had been thrust.

"He traced the process of this self-exploration and assessment in a series of essays, gathered under the rubric of 'Summer Meditations.' I reread these essays often, and have found them especially useful at the beginning of new endeavors—the personal stocktaking, the finding of your own moral compass, as you are entering new and unknown territory.

"Havel's words translate the need to pause before a major next step, and retrieve, recall and name those features of one's moral and ethical makeup that are submerged in the daily rush of life—so that you remember and define anew who you are, what values guide you as you move through the various stages of your life. Reflection, contemplation, deeply held beliefs—these are the habits to cultivate and call upon when we are called upon to act."





## Opening up a world of opportunity

A diverse group of Admission Possible high school seniors recently spent the night on campus as part of the program's ongoing partnership with St. Norbert College.

Admission Possible, a nonprofit organization based in St. Paul, Minn., helps promising young people prepare for and earn admission to college. Many of the visiting students come from backgrounds that would otherwise have limited their options for higher education. All 33 have been accepted at St. Norbert and are considering enrollment.

Accompanying them was **Rebecca Krus '07**, who is serving as a senior coach for Admission Possible through AmeriCorps funding. Krus believes that college should be accessible to all, whatever their economic background. "A lot of what I do is to make sure these kids understand that a four-year college is a choice for them," she says. "You have to help them see that they have the potential to do it."

Krus says the collaboration means prospective students can be introduced to a college they likely would not have considered. In return, St. Norbert is able to identify and attract

more students from diverse backgrounds. "Our (Admission Possible) students tend to be of minority populations. I think it's great to bring them here."

## New leadership in student government

Next year's Student Government Association officers take up their posts with a vision for the organization already in mind.

Newly elected president **Travis Vanden Heuvel '09** hopes the association will act as a hub for all other student organizations, so that groups have more ready access to information about each other. Right now, he says, organizations are not necessarily communicating with one another and the events they plan may not be living up to their full potential.

"If they were to connect with each other or work in cooperation with each other, they'd be more successful."

Spring elections returned Vanden Heuvel as president. Joining him as officers are **Suzan Odabasi '09** (vice president of college relations), **Mike Lampe '10** (vice president of student concerns), **Melissa Geier '09** (treasurer) and **Kalindi O'Brien '10** (secretary).



## R<sup>3</sup> squares away semester-end surplus

Clothing (more than 60 bags full) and student-preferred snacks in quantity boosted the store cupboards at Head Start and a local shelter after this year's R<sup>3</sup> salvage drive.

Journey-Men, the student men's organization, coordinated the Recycle/Reuse/Re-Give effort to coincide with move-out days at the end of the spring semester. Students even rescued surplus computers and monitors to ship to Zambia Project schools in Africa.

## Peer mentors foster career-development skills

Last semester saw the start of a new peer mentor program designed as a new way to help students explore career options.

According to **Jenny Schroth** (Career Services), peer mentors provide students with basic information on resume and cover letter writing, interviewing, networking, graduate school, internships and job searching.

"There is value in receiving one-on-one support and encouragement on career exploration and development from one's peers," she says.



Peer mentors Emily Fobian '08 and Matt Fox '09.

This year's peer mentors were **Emily Fobian '08** and **Matt Fox '09**. Both students also worked as interns in the Career Services office.

Fox says he enjoyed working on his resume and cover letter and he thought it would be interesting to work with other students on theirs. "It turns out it is a great job!" he says.

Fobian agrees that being a mentor has been a positive experience, both for herself and for her peers:

"I feel my job helps me present my own portfolio better in a way that reflects practice and creativity. It is a way for students to get a fresh perspective of where they are in their career goals and what has to be done, for them to be prepared for the workplace."

As a result of working with fellow students, the peer mentors themselves have the opportunity to develop their interpersonal, communication, leadership, customer service, planning, organizational and presentation skills—skills that, Schroth maintains, are certain to benefit them in the future.

The peer mentor program currently holds walk-in hours in the Career Services library in JMS. Staff aim to provide further outreach to students in residence halls via mini career workshops and orientations to their department's services.



# Radical hospitality

*A value deeply rooted in tradition*

By Jeff Kurowski

A banner that hangs from a light pole north of the Todd Wehr Library reads “Your Community. Relationships. Care for and about others.”

This same banner would have been appropriate hanging outside a Norbertine abbey centuries ago, for the call to welcome and build community at the college is a value rooted in tradition.

Radical hospitality traces its origins back to the beginnings of the Norbertine order. The abbeys welcomed travelers and all strangers with a meal and a place to sleep.

“In the ancient world, hospitality was one of the most sacred obligations of the people,” says Bill Hyland (Classical Studies), director of the Center for Norbertine Studies.

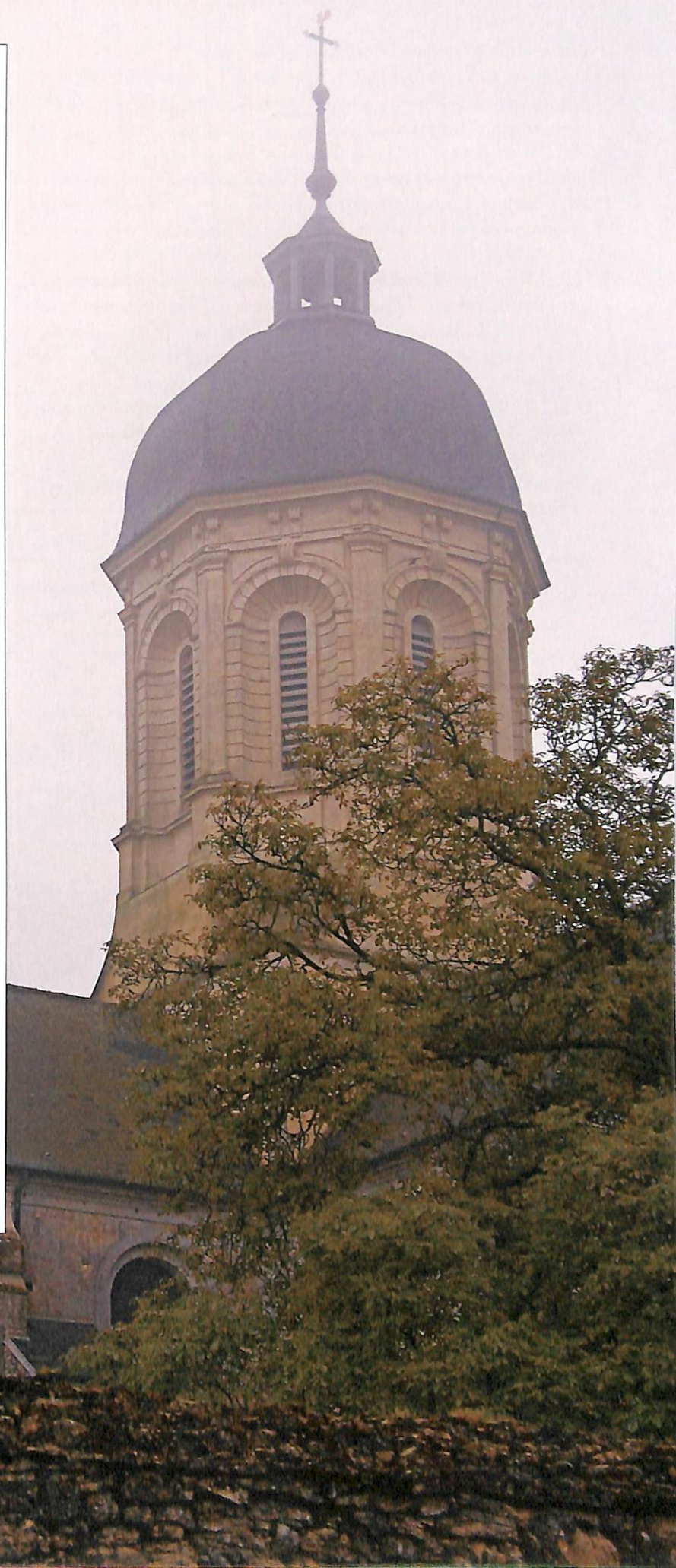
“When you think about the roots of the Norbertines, when you think about monasticism—it’s central. Every guest you receive, it’s like you’re welcoming Christ. That’s a central idea that is still very much a part of the Norbertine ideal.”

While St. Norbert may not be a destination for wandering pilgrims like the abbeys in the 14th century, creating a welcoming environment remains an essential part of the college’s mission. The principle of radical hospitality is practiced today in many forms on campus, says the Rev. Jay Fostner, O.Praem., ’84, vice president for mission and heritage.

“It absolutely is a conscious effort on our part,” he says. “Our welcoming center and our visitor center are examples. Little things that many of our students, faculty and staff may take for granted are important parts of welcoming, such as

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The priests at 13th-century Mondaye Abbey in the Normandy region of France were among the Norbertine communities in Europe who welcomed representatives from St. Norbert College this spring.





keeping our grounds and buildings looking nice.

"The Kress Inn is a part of that welcoming spirit. We reserve a few rooms, so if there is a crisis on campus, we make sure we take care of family members."

The college is always looking for ways to improve its hospitality, he adds. A recent climate survey asked participants to share both positives and negatives about the college as a welcoming environment for two groups—women and people of diverse origin and culture.

Mary Kay Bressers (Facilities), a member of the president's commission on women and of the mission and heritage committee, says that while the final results of the survey have not been released, the plan is to implement some changes in the fall based on the response.

"It involved the entire college community," she says. "We consider the staff, students and administration as part of that community. Everyone should feel they have a voice."

Bressers is in her 15th year at St. Norbert. She continues to see positive changes making the campus more welcoming.

"Common Prayer on Wednesdays is also a nice way to bring people together," she adds. "It helps build community."

The climate survey carried out last semester may be compared to chapter at monasteries and abbeys, says Hyland. "In chapter, they gather to meet and talk. 'Are we all doing what we say we are doing?' It's an honest, forthright way of addressing things."

## Wearing a welcoming face

Outreach to the community is tied to the Norbertine tradition, says Hyland. In the Middle Ages, the Norbertines aligned themselves with monasteries by living in community, but they were also looking outward.

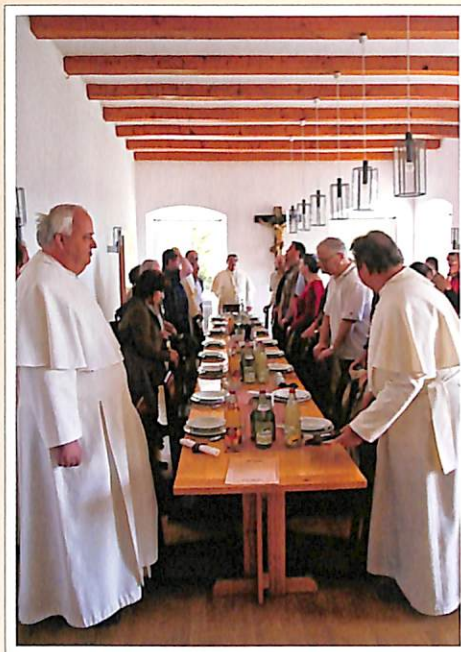
"The Norbertines would assess the needs of the area to determine their external mission," he says. "That extended to helping local people in need. Feasts of the year were important. They would give extra care to the poor on those feasts. Also, in the Middle Ages, as we understand it, there were no hospitals. The monasteries and abbeys provided whatever local health care they were able. It was very demanding but was an important part of their hospitality."

Radical hospitality is introduced to new students the day they step on campus in the fall. Convocation and a service project, "Into the Streets," are part of the orientation process.

"The service project is not required," says Julie Massey '87, director of campus ministry and the Faith, Learning and Vocation program. "The whole first-year class is invited and we get very respectable numbers. They are put on buses on Saturday morning and sent out into the community. They immediately realize that if you come to St. Norbert, you are part of a larger community."

The freshmen learn more with their introduction to the staff of the mission and heritage division.

"We try to meet the incoming class wherever they might be in terms of spirituality and faith," says Massey. "We have a menu or tapestry offering different entities wherever they might want to be



Above left: Priests at Windberg Abbey in Germany welcome visitors from St. Norbert College. Above right: (left to right) Amir St. Clair, Jesse Czech, Ahmed Chahdi and Maria Van Hoorn, who spoke at a farewell service of Common Prayer presented by the Class of 2008.

Below left: Student volunteers help out at the St. Vincent de Paul store during this year's Into the Streets community outreach event. Below right: Cashier Agnes Miller always has a warm welcome for her customers at Phil's.

connected or wherever they want to explore."

Massey explains that some students want no part of campus ministry during their four years on campus. Others will be regulars at Old St. Joe's. Some commit themselves to serving at the Peace and Justice Center. Others may join the ALIVE Team. All are part of the diverse programs offered in the division of mission and heritage.

As they settle in, the new class experiences for itself the transformation that comes when strangers begin to feel at home. Agnes Miller (Dining Services), who works at Phil's, is one





example of the spirit of radical hospitality at St. Norbert, says Massey.

"Agnes is blessed with a great recall for names and she puts it to use," says Massey. "She has a gift. Students may look down or tired and Agnes will address them by name and ask them how they are doing, to help uplift their spirits. It's another little way to be more welcoming. It may be a little thing, but it's significant. Some of those little things may not draw much fanfare, but they are all important."

Welcoming events are not only reserved for new students. Major campus events are offered for all classes. Caitlin Zach '09, of Oregon, Wis., who will be a senior in the fall, helps plan events as an intern for the alumni house. She applauds Junior Knights and Days, an offering that gives the junior class a chance to play host to its parents.

"It's a pretty neat weekend," she says. "Parents of juniors get the opportunity to see what life is like for their children. They go to classes and it helps develop a greater understanding." The event

includes a reception and dance, a guest speaker and Mass.

St. Norbert is a tradition for the Zach family. Caitlin's parent's Steve '80 and Patty Zach '80 are alumni. Her younger sister, Bridget '11, is currently a student at St. Norbert.

"I was quite sure that I wanted to go to a different college," says Caitlin, a music education major. "St. Norbert ended up being the best fit for me. When you step on campus you feel a part of the college community. The rich Norbertine Catholic tradition was important to me. When I came for orientation, I knew I made a good choice. I met some of my best friends at freshman orientation."

Amir St. Clair '08, of Batavia, Ill., did not encounter the first day apprehension felt by many incoming freshmen. St. Clair arrived on campus early as part of the St. Norbert soccer team, but he embraced the orientation activities.

"When you arrive they want you to get involved," he says. "The Taste of SNC is really helpful. It's a recruiting day where all the campus organizations promote their activities. Community and service were the main aspects that attracted me to St. Norbert."

St. Clair, who graduated with a degree majoring in religion and philosophy, served as a student ambassador, helping host events on campus. Reflecting on his four years at the college, he says the little things made a big difference in his experience.

"Things such as getting flyers and posters out for events and presentations invite students to turn out," he says. "Students also feel that the college wants to hear from them. There was a town hall meeting in April. That's very important to the students."

St. Clair looks forward to staying connected to the college as an alumnus. He is joining the U.S. Navy's SEAL program.

"Once a Knight, always a Knight," he says. "From my involvement with the alumni office, I realize that the alumni events are planned to welcome you to remain a part of the college."

## A sacred obligation handed down

A new class, Communio, is a pilot course at St. Norbert and is designed as a potential requirement for freshmen. The liberal arts course presents the Norbertine heritage to students starting from their first semester on campus.

"I believe it is important to make that tradition explicit to people," says Hyland. "Once upon a time the faculty was from the religious order, walking around in white robes. Schools can't take for granted that students will experience the tradition as part of their formation."

All colleges attempt to be welcoming but at St. Norbert it is a responsibility, he adds. "There is a historical context," he says. "There is a theology. It is centered in *xenodochium*, a Greek word referring to stranger or guest. Treat people as you would like to be treated as a stranger or guest."

Norbertine hospitality is a quality that Fostner, Hyland, Massey and many others have experienced firsthand through mission and heritage trips to the order's abbeys in Europe. "It's very real," says Hyland. "Eating dinner in a 14th-century building rubs off on you. The tradition can inspire you and guide you."



# Open arms, open door

*Boundless love made room for many children in one remarkable family*

For 42 years, Chuck Peterson (Art, Emeritus) and his wife, Darlene, opened their door and their hearts to children in need. From 1964 to 2006, the couple served as foster parents, caring for more than 200 children in all.

"I thought two kids were the ideal family, but she (Darlene) was a persuasive lady," says Chuck. "She absolutely loved babies. She would baby-sit for the neighbors for nothing."

The Petersons first became foster parents in Milwaukee, prior to Chuck joining the St. Norbert faculty in the fall of 1969. At the time, the couple had two children of their own, Mark '83 and Sandy '84, and had adopted Robert, one of their foster children.

"Things were much different in Brown County in terms of foster care," says Chuck. "They really didn't have a need for foster homes for healthy infants. They had a real need for foster care for kids with special needs and those who were medically fragile, so we took in those kids."

The Petersons typically cared for children directly from the hospital. Chuck recalls several babies who required cardiac and respiratory monitors. "There was a period of time for a couple years when I didn't get a full night's sleep," he says.

Seeing the children struggling with medical issues was difficult, he adds.

"There was one magical little boy who had multiple open heart surgeries," he says. "He was born without two valves in his heart. The doctors only expected him to live a couple months."

Darlene spent three or four days a week at Children's Hospital of Wisconsin in Milwaukee at the child's side. The doctors nicknamed him "Tuffy" because he was so resilient.

"Every time you entered his room, his head would turn and he would smile," says Chuck. "It was almost as if he sensed you were coming. He had a charisma. He was a remarkable little guy. He passed away at

eight months and probably spent five months of his life in the hospital. His body just couldn't take it. That was hard."

The greatest reward from foster care was the expansion of their immediate family, he says. Chuck and Darlene also adopted Paul, Danny and Julie, all foster children.

Chuck, who taught art and education



Chuck Peterson and adopted son, Dan, with an early version of a computer communication device.

classes, and directed the graduate program in adaptive education at St. Norbert, credits Danny, who has cerebral palsy, for inspiring the Young Artist Workshop (YAW), a summer arts program for young people with special needs.

"It grew out of my frustrations of trying to find things for Dan in the summer," says Chuck. "Summer can be an interruption of their social lives. Their peer group is usually the kids at school. Most cannot ride their bikes to the local pool. Park programs are usually not equipped to serve kids with special needs."

Sandy (Peterson) Siebens, Chuck and Darlene's daughter, fondly remembers helping out at YAW at age 12 or 13. She says she embraced living with foster children during her youth. She followed in her parents' footsteps by adopting twins, who were foster children in the Peterson household. The twins weighed a combined 3 pounds at birth. Her brother, Mark, also

adopted a foster child.

"Growing up in that environment was life for me," says Siebens. "We had a running joke that there was always a new baby there when we came home from school. I was old enough that I was able to help care for the children. I can't speak for my brothers, but for me, it was wonderful. I have five siblings instead of one and three children instead of one because my parents were foster parents. I wouldn't do it any differently."

Siebens says her career choice, early childhood special education, stems from her experience with foster care. "I had visions of being a photojournalist when I entered St. Norbert," she says, "but by the second semester of my freshman year, I had switched to education. It's hard to fight destiny and an early life spent helping care for little ones with special needs."

In 2006, health problems prevented Darlene from continuing as a foster parent. She died last year. Chuck credits his wife for "dragging him on a wonderful ride."

"Once she got hold of a child, she didn't let go," he says. "She also made sure there wasn't a hole in the kids' lives. She would take pictures and get photo packages of the kids until the time they were adopted. It's funny, I am a photographer, but she always took better pictures of the children."

Chuck finds comfort in spending time with his 12 grandchildren and six honorary grandchildren—foster children for whom he fills a grandparent role. He also has the task of sorting Darlene's photos. If there were 10 children in the photo, she made 10 copies. He recently found a photo that reminded him of how the family adapted to their circumstances.

"I found one from a day when we had so many children that we had to take a motor home to church pulling a trailer with Danny's wheelchair," he says. "I had forgotten about that day. You do what you have to do. Life is a great journey." ○



# Today's special

The business of playing host

By Mike Dauplaise '84

**A**lumni who have found their niche in the food industry took a variety of paths that didn't necessarily pass through the kitchen—and they are happy to talk about the expertise they have acquired along the way.

**Mike Archer '82** was an accounting student when he took a summer office job with Arnie Morton's restaurant in Chicago. When Morton decided to expand a few years later, he asked his young protégé to move out East and manage the new restaurant. In May, Archer became president of Applebee's International.

**Brent Weycker '92** was only a few years out of college when he got involved with a group that was renovating an abandoned railroad depot in downtown Green Bay. That project proved successful, and today he serves as president of Titledown Brewing Co., a restaurant and microbrewery located in the historic building.

**Terese Allen '77** actually took culinary training and was an executive chef before becoming a well-known cookbook author and food columnist. She's also the food editor for Organic Valley Family of Farms, the country's largest organic farmers' cooperative.

**Chris Siewert '01** is living a dream as a Green Bay native working at Lambeau Field. In his role as concessions manager, Siewert heads a team that feeds more than 70,000 people on game days.

**Q:** WHAT IS THE SECRET TO FEEDING A LOT OF PEOPLE AT THE SAME TIME AND DOING IT WELL?

**Archer:** The secret is to love serving people and having a group committed to that vision. In the restaurant business, we're junkies for immediate gratification. There's no other job where you can provide a product and know right away whether you've done a good job or a bad job.

**Weycker:** A restaurant is a controlled-chaos sort of environment because you never know how many people will be coming in. You need to have systems and procedures in place that set you up for success.

**Allen:** Work backwards. That is, make a plan in which you list all the things that need to get done, and put them in date and time order. Choose dishes that you yourself are hungry for and will enjoy preparing. When the cook has fun, the food tastes better.

**Siewert:** It's all about planning and preparation. I work with the concessions and culinary teams to make sure we're fully staffed and have the best products available for the fans. If it's a warm-weather game, we have to be ready with more sodas and bottled water; for colder games, hot chocolate will be a huge seller.

**Q:** HOW CAN YOU MAKE SURE PEOPLE HAVE A GOOD TIME WHILE IN YOUR CARE?

**Archer:** Our obligation is to create a great experience to encompass all the senses. That includes everything from music to the way our staff plays with guests.

**Weycker:** It comes down to hospitality and the way you make people feel important by acknowledging them and creating a unique atmosphere.

**Allen:** Pay attention to people. It's a small thing, but if the food is good and the atmosphere pleasing, then what really makes the difference is a little special attention.

**Siewert:** Having an upbeat attitude and approaching things positively is very important. It can be as simple as displaying what we call 'heartfelt hospitality'—a spur-of-the-moment gesture that might make someone's day.

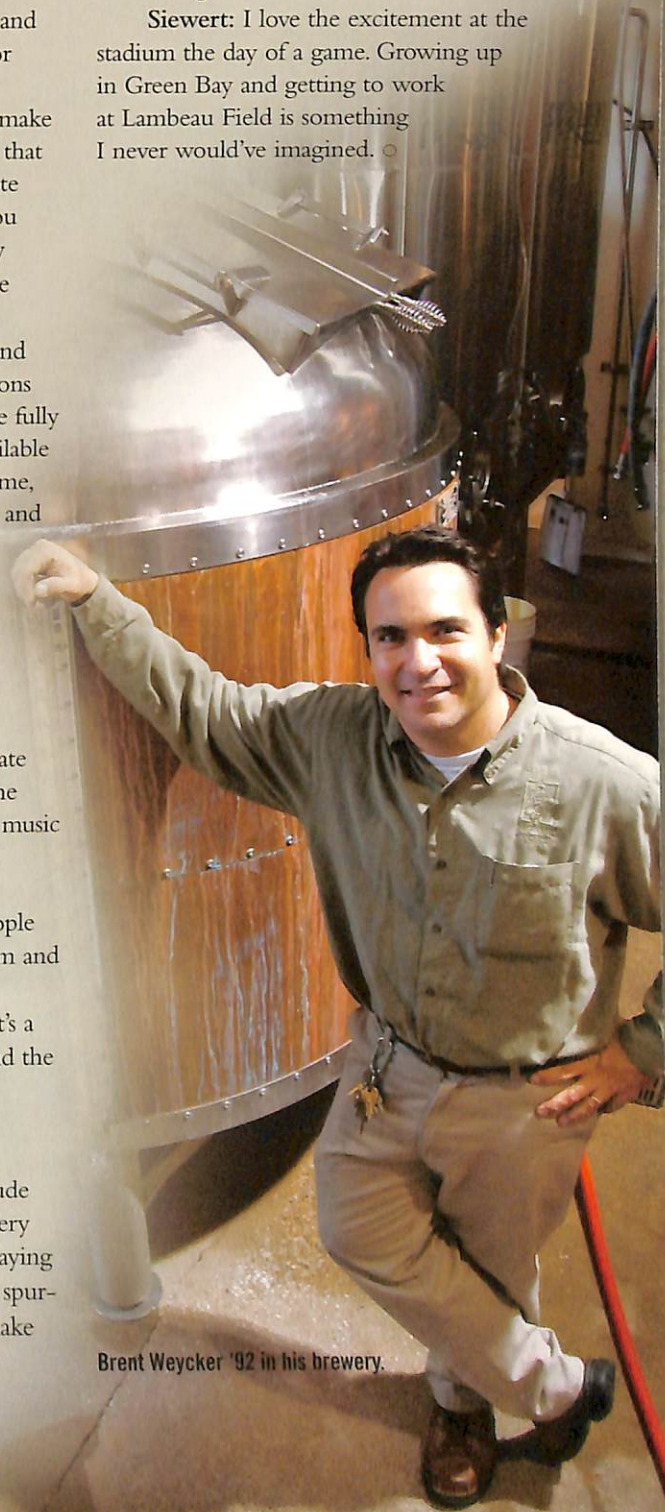
**Q:** WHAT DO YOU ENJOY MOST ABOUT YOUR WORK?

**Archer:** A smile on our customers' face as they're walking out the door. That's as good as it gets in our business.

**Weycker:** It's the people, my employees that come in and stay with me for a brief time in their life. Some of these kids have matured right in front of me.

**Allen:** Food is endlessly fascinating to me. I feel like I really do learn something new every day by being a food writer. And I sure do get to eat well.

**Siewert:** I love the excitement at the stadium the day of a game. Growing up in Green Bay and getting to work at Lambeau Field is something I never would've imagined. ○



Brent Weycker '92 in his brewery.



# At the common table

By Lisa Strandberg

*Shared meals sustain a community, satisfying more than simple hunger*



When you feed more than 1,300 people a day, as conference and dining director Mary Jo Morris and her staff at St. Norbert College do, you're bound to receive special requests. Some, though, are more special than others.

Recently, a student's boyfriend returning from a tour of duty in Iraq had a hankering for M&M pancakes from "the caf"—more formally known as the Sensenbrenner Memorial Union Dining Room. The student asked Morris when they would appear on the menu so she could plan accordingly.

After hearing of the matter, head chef Dan Froelich (Dining Services) said, "You tell me when he'll be here and I'll put them on the menu."

Wherever we've been away, so often our first stop upon returning is the kitchen, where the foods we love welcome us home. Campus dining facilities aim to provide such a place, where

students and staff alike can refuel physically and reconnect socially.

After all, as Morris says of the noontime bustle in the cafeteria, "You can hardly sit at one of these tables for 10 alone very long."

For students in campus housing, mandatory meal plans provide motivation to eschew ramen noodles for more convivial meals. "It promotes what the college wants to promote, which is community," Morris says.

With their meal plan funds, students can indulge in either all-you-care-to-eat buffet dining in the caf or "fly-by" fare at Phil's, an extended-hours food court and convenience store in the Ray Van Den Heuvel Family Campus Center.

The venue students choose is a matter of taste and timing. "There's another culture at Phil's, where the same group of people go there every day," says campus dietician and associate director of dining Matthew Doyle (Dining Services). One such collective: a





troupe of cribbage-playing staff members that Phil's manager **Barb Wickham** (Dining Services) says are regulars at the window tables overlooking the river.

**Brooke Auxier '10**, an English major, prefers the atmosphere at the caf. "You run into a lot of people, all your friends," she says. "It's not just a place. It's more like a social atmosphere than anything."

The caf is where Auxier and her brother, business administration graduate and commuter student **Luke Auxier '08**, would meet for lunch every two weeks to keep in touch. "We only had 45 or 50 minutes to catch a bite to eat, and since she had guest passes on her meal plan, we'd use those instead of going out and paying for lunch," he says. (His favorite meal happens to be one of the campus favorites as well—chicken strips, of which diners consume more than 3 tons per academic year.)

For freshmen and sophomores, meal plans allow unlimited daily visits to the continuous-service caf—an approach Doyle estimates no more than a quarter of colleges adopt. "This is really their kitchen, if you think about it," Doyle says. "How many times a day do you run through the kitchen and grab a glass of milk or something to eat?"

Morris views the matter from the perspective of hospitality. "We need to think about that one kid that can only go in from 3:00 to 3:30 p.m."

While most people balk at the idea of planning meals even a day in advance, Froelich faces a much tougher task. He assembles a four-week cycle of three daily meals that repeats through a full semester. "You basically start with a blank piece of paper, add the favorites and try to make sure the favorites aren't bunched up," he says.

Froelich tests new recipes with help from a pair of consultants at opposite ends of the gastronomic spectrum—his two children. One is a St. Norbert student, the other a recent grad; one a really versatile eater, the other more picky, according to dad.

Beyond Froelich's household, many have a say in what appears on the menu without even knowing it. "A good sounding board for when we do try things are the cafeteria workers, who hear a lot of comments from the students," Froelich says.

The most immediate feedback for the staff in the basement kitchen comes from **Betty Smits** (Dining Services) who, for four years, has scanned the ID card of every person entering the caf for breakfast or lunch. She reports, via headset, the length of the line

outside the caf's doors—and sees when students, after a glance at the caf's menu board, depart for Phil's instead. Her observations: "They like chicken Caesar salad. They go crazy for Pizza Hut night. They love bacon. But they're not much on pork."

In cafeteria cooking as in politics, you can't please all of the people all of the time, so Froelich adheres to a "three strikes" system. If a certain dish gets three consecutive thumbs-down from diners, he drops it from the menu. "We're here to make sure we're fulfilling their wants and needs," Froelich says, with Morris pointing out the challenge in that: "Thirteen hundred students have 1,300 specialties, wants and needs."

Fortunately, diners have a convenient way to share likes and dislikes—a recently launched comment line on the dining services web page. And who knows what else is in store? "Believe it or not, the next wave in our industry is getting on Facebook, and some colleges text menus to their students," Doyle says.

While drafting the menu is an occasional task, preparing and serving food happens all day, every day, to the tune of about 92,000 hours of full-time and student labor per academic year. As sous-chef, **Dan Staats** (Dining Services) contributes to that figure on the front lines of food preparation.

He says cooking in quantity bears little resemblance to meal preparation at home. "The only microwave we use in this kitchen is 20 years old and gets used once or twice a day to reheat someone's cold coffee," he says. Instead, he and others rely on convection ovens, steam kettles, deep fryers and the like to make their magic happen.

In addition to magic, there's careful monitoring involved. "We are in constant communication with the dining room staff. They act as our eyes and ears in the cafeteria," Staats says. "We also keep track of all the food that goes out to the cafeteria and everything that comes back to help minimize overproduction for future meals, which in turn minimizes waste." (The college donates its few leftovers to Paul's Pantry, a Green Bay food bank founded by cheese magnate Leo Frigo.)

Whether making meals for the masses or preparing a five-course gourmet spread for a special event, Staats relishes what he does. "No matter how many people you are cooking for, it is still an art and even a science at times.

"The most satisfying part of my job is compliments that we receive from the students. If they really enjoy a specific dish, it feels really good to have someone tell you that." ○





# Life on the Ark



*We come to L'Arche with cracks and wounds. We come to L'Arche for an hour or a lifetime, for a reason that perhaps may be buried with us at death. Do we arrive on the ark to serve? Definitely. I think we also come to grow and to be healed. We'll all climb a mountain or two here. I've discovered that if I have God as my Sherpa, my guide, I will live.*

*The enfolding hospitality of a L'Arche community has proved a healing experience for Kathy Berken '71, who has chronicled her years there in a new book, out this month.*

*L'Arche was founded by Jean Vanier to provide a place where people with cognitive disabilities and those who assist them could live together in Christian community. From this simple vision has grown an international movement.*

*These passages from the introduction to Berken's "Walking on a Rolling Deck" (2008) are reproduced with kind permission of Liturgical Press.*

**L'Arche** is more than a series of group homes, or a federation of communities of faith, or a ministry to serve the poor, the neglected, the outcast. L'Arche is a gift from God wrapped in mystery. It's a place where we learn to be downright human. Some days it scares me to death. Other days I don't understand why I am so blessed. I've never felt deserving of this mystery.

The stories in this book are drawn from my daily life with the core members and the assistants who live and work with them. Vanier named them "core members" because *cor* is Latin for "heart," and they are the heart of L'Arche, the title of one

of his books. The core members are L'Arche's gift, but I've learned never to be surprised at what I might discover when I remove the wrappings.



My hopes and dreams are no different from most: I want a life of peace and joy. That's the mission of L'Arche, Vanier says. "We can find the road to hope and peace in our world if we open ourselves to change, enter into true relationships, and break down the walls around our own hearts. I believe that even today, we can unleash a torrent of loving kindness that will bring peace to our world."

Some days, though, the path to hope and peace is littered with potholes and broken glass. I believe that we live as family despite roadblocks of anger, violence, and pain. Caring for our core members' needs while helping them be independent is staggering. We do most everything: cook, shop, bathe, brush teeth, wipe butts, handle expenses, drive them to medical appointments, spend weekends at Special Olympics, write letters, do paperwork, communicate with guardians, accompany them to church, plan outings, go to dances, the park, restaurants. But more, we hope to be friends.

There are days when God does unleash torrents of loving kindness. After supper, we gather around our prayer table, light candles, dim lamps, play soft music, and sit back to ponder the day and maybe even sleep. God won't abandon us for resting in his heart. We pass the candle and each person has a chance to pray. Then we stand, hold hands, and recite the Lord's Prayer to bring closure to the day and unity to our house. Our prayers often include family and friends, apologies or requests. I usually pray for L'Arche communities, my friends, and family. I honestly don't know why I can't pray the way Don, a core member, does: "God, I want to hear a train go by."

Some stories in this book touch on sacred moments like that. Others may be tougher to read. ... Living in a L'Arche community isn't always like taking a vacation with your lover God to an idyllic Caribbean beach. Some days it's more like climbing to the top of Mount Everest with God as your Sherpa. But for those who have reached the top, well, I would imagine that they felt like Peter, James, and John when they witnessed the transfiguration of Jesus (Matt 17:1-8).

I haven't even reached base camp yet. ☺



# Nourishing friendships

*Hospitality is a bridge between solitude and community*

By Kyoko Mori

To entertain a guest, an idea or a possibility is to receive each of them with an attitude of openness. In my 20s and 30s, when I lived in Green Bay with my husband, Chuck, I was unable to entertain this whole notion. Our friends came over to watch television or listen to music and stayed for supper, but we didn't give them a proper invitation. "You can come by our house if you want," we'd suggest. "We'll probably be home, but whatever. Let's play it by ear." Even the regionalism of our speech ("come by our house," rather than "come to our house") was noncommittal. If the house was dark and both our cars gone, the prospective visitors could just drive on by: we had never promised to be home to welcome them.



Kyoko Mori was writer-in-residence at St. Norbert College 1984-99. She taught creative writing at Harvard University before taking up her current position at George Mason University. Her books include "Shizuko's Daughter" (1993), "Stone Field, True Arrow" (2000), "The Dream of Water: a Memoir" (1995), and "Polite Lies: On Being a Woman Caught Between Cultures" (1997).

job were single apartment-dwellers who had grown up in New York or Boston. These busy writers, scholars, musicians and artists seldom cooked for themselves, much less for their guests. In Green Bay, if a group of people found themselves with extra time on their hands, they might go to one of their houses for coffee—even Chuck and I had cookies and simple foods like bagels in case this



happened. But when my new colleague Patricia and I misread the poster for an event at the Cambridge Public Library and met there two hours early, we had to find a cafe instead of going to her apartment a few blocks away. Out East, people did not casually invite you into their living space.

I missed the hospitality I'd taken for granted in the Midwest. My new friends and I would watch a movie and go to a restaurant afterward to talk, but it wasn't relaxing to sit in noisy public places night after night, being waited on by strangers. On the nights when all the restaurants were packed, I started saying, "Let's just go to my place. I have some food." I had chosen my apartment because, unlike the other studios the realtor showed me, this one had a fully functional galley kitchen where I could bake bread and make a big pot of soup every week. I hadn't turned into the kind of single person who ate cereal for supper or wolfed down a deli container of salad while standing by the sink. I always had enough groceries in my small under-the-counter refrigerator to make an omelette or pasta primavera.

I quickly progressed from having friends over for impromptu after-movie dinners to inviting them ahead of time. ("Let's go to a movie and then have dinner at my place. I'll prepare something simple so it won't be any trouble.") Then I started having a few guests over for a more elaborate dinner (an appetizer, an entree, bread, salad, pie) that was the main feature of the evening instead of an afterthought. Soon, I was hosting birthday parties for friends, colleagues and neighbors. By moving the furniture, throwing some pillows on the floor and baking a couple of homemade pizzas, I could entertain as many as 20 people in the one room that was my living room, dining room and bedroom. The guest list, compiled by the birthday person, usually included people I didn't know. Hosting a party for someone, I discovered, was the best way to meet his or her friends. I wasn't particularly good at introducing myself to a lot of new people at once, but when the party was at my place, the part I dreaded—explaining who I was and why I was there—was a cinch.

I now live in Washington, D.C., in a one-bedroom co-op apartment (660 square feet), which seems enormous. Though I still don't have a separate dining room, my living room is large enough for a party without rearranging the furniture, and this time, the





*It is my house, and the guests are there to share what home means to me. Entertaining connects us to the community around us, but it also reaffirms our own way of living.*

galley kitchen has a full-sized refrigerator and a dishwasher. Entertaining has become one of my hobbies. In the last few months, I've held a cocktail party for my friend Ellen's birthday, a pizza party for the graduating students in the M.F.A. program where I teach, and several small dinner parties with a few close friends. Sometimes, if the guests stay long enough, the quietest person in the room will suddenly tell the most memorable story of the evening, or a very serious colleague will confess her love of reality TV. My guests go home feeling they've gotten to know one another a little better.

My favorite company dishes are lasagna, filo casseroles, or enchiladas—things that are baked in layers. I can spend the whole day before the party simmering the sauces, preparing the fillings, grating the cheeses, and assembling the layers in a baking dish. Each step is methodical and meditative. I'm not the kind of cook who substitutes one spice for another and invents a new sauce, a creative genius whose signature dish cannot be duplicated by anyone else. I follow the detailed, step-by-step directions in one of the cookbooks I know well, everything goes according to the plan, and the food is done when it's done. For me, cooking—unlike writing—is a fail-safe, no-pressure activity. Alone in the kitchen, I don't come up with a stunningly clear sentence that contradicts all the others I've drafted and revised a dozen times; I don't have to scrap the whole project and start over because that one new sentence makes me realize that the truth is the opposite of what I'd believed. When I write, I might spend four years at my desk and not know what it all means; when I entertain, the guests arrive at six or seven and I am ready.

I indulge my own likes and dislikes in planning a meal. I wouldn't serve anyone the one food he or she abhors (eggplant, mushrooms and zucchini often make this

hate list), but I'm a vegetarian, so my guests would sit down to a stuffed squash at my Thanksgiving table. If someone is allergic to cats, I'd offer a box of tissues but I wouldn't lock the cats in my bedroom. The fun of entertaining is in being in charge. It is my house, and the guests are there to share what home means to me. Entertaining connects us to the community around us, but it also reaffirms our own way of living. I became interested in entertaining only when I realized how much I loved the home I'd made in my studio in Cambridge. Inviting friends to an impromptu after-movie dinner was to imply—to them and to myself—that my home was better than any restaurant. During my first year in that studio, I replaced the ugly curtains and light fixtures the previous owner had chosen. I had to have a place of my own before I could take enough pride in my home to share it with others.

Three years after my move, Chuck visited me in Cambridge and met my new friends at the dinner party I threw in his honor. I also got people together to visit museums, sculpture gardens, jazz clubs and restaurants with him in a week-long extravaganza of socializing and entertaining. After that, he was once again my friend, an important member of my community. Though he hasn't visited me in D.C., his sister has.

Everyone needs solitude and community, it seems to me, but partnership is optional. I'm better at being a friend than a wife. I have no desire to get married again. Staying single, however, isn't the same as longing for isolation. I write in a quiet apartment I can have to myself, knowing that I can fill the space with other people's stories when I choose to. Entertaining is the bridge between solitude and community—the two ways of being that nourish me. ○

## ALUMNI NOTES

### Births/Adoptions

**1991 Kevin and Heather Bell**, Granger, Ind., a twin son and daughter, Sean and Maggie, Oct. 25, 2007. Sean and Maggie join brothers Jack, Frank and Eddie.

**1991 Tonya (Wells) and Michael Grover**, Minnetrista, Minn., a son, Wyatt, Dec. 31, 2007. Wyatt joins sister Madelyn Mae.

**1993 Siobhan (Dockery) and Sander Mueller**, Arlington, Va., a daughter, Lucille, Oct. 8, 2007.

**1993 Troy and Allison Thiel**, Appleton, Wis., a son, Sawyer Andrew, Oct. 26, 2007.

**1993 Elizabeth (Carlin) and James Waters III '95**, Arlington Heights, Ill., a daughter, Megan Marie, Oct. 31, 2007. Megan joins sister Katie, 2.

**1993 Christine (Schlegel) and Kevin Brown**, Tomahawk, Wis., a son, Kellen, Nov. 19, 2007. Kellen joins brothers Keagan, 5, and Connor, 2.

**1993 Diane (Brefka) and Bill Martin**, Franklin, Wis., a daughter, Katherine Sue, Feb. 11, 2008. Katie joins sister Abby, 4.

**1994 Kathryn (Meyer) and John Henry Gettelman '94**, Germantown, Wis., a daughter, Lauren Grace, Sept. 7, 2007. Lauren joins brother Brett, 5.

**1994 Jessica (Weiss) and Henry Brodersen**, Mesa, Ariz., a son, Kort, Feb. 24, 2008. Kort joins brother Jaeger, 3.

**1995 Susan (Cameron) and Marc Eckstrom**, Greenfield, Mass., a son, Samuel Eric, Dec. 1, 2007.

**1996 Keith and Diane Mizwicki**, Homer Glen, Ill., a son, Rhett Patrick, Sept. 10, 2007.

**1996 Jennifer Lynn (Wilson) and Michael Hobday**, Circle Pines, Minn., a daughter, Erin Mackenzie, Oct. 9, 2007. Erin joins twin siblings Elise and Evan, 3.

**1996 Rebecca (Schill) and Ken Nimmer '96**, De Pere, a son, Cooper, Oct. 20, 2007. Cooper joins siblings Parker, 7, and Anna, 3.

**1996 Brian and Lisa Boerner**, Racine, Wis., a daughter, Norah Olivia, Oct. 23, 2007. Norah joins brother Nolan, 3.

**1996 Doreen (Mitchell) and Clint Drescher**, Manitowoc, Wis., a son, Mitchell James, Jan. 1, 2008.

**1996 Mark and Kathy Morse**, Chesterfield, Mo., a son, Matthew William, Feb. 10, 2008.

**1997 Mary (McGlynn) and Chad Groholski '97**, Waukesha, Wis., a son, Sullivan James, Sept. 2, 2007.

**1997 Sara (Bortolotti) and Kyle Ladish '96**, Pewaukee, Wis., a daughter, Nora Marie, Sept. 28, 2007. Nora joins sister Madeline Marie, 2.

**1997 Elizabeth (Raven) and Chris Juern**, Colgate, Wis., a daughter, Lily, Oct. 9, 2007. Lily joins brother Ellison, 4, and sister Mary Jane, 3.

**1997 Shannon (Pierquet) and Paul Skaletski**, Wrightstown, Wis., a daughter, Audrey Leeann, Nov. 28, 2007. Audrey joins brother Drew, 2.

**1997 Paula (Hoitink) and Louie Gentine II**, Plymouth, Wis., a daughter, Kathrine Sophia, Jan. 20, 2008. Kathrine joins siblings Lauren, 9, Louis, 7, and Jack, 5.

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## You can go home again

Planning her class reunion meant a long overdue walk through the St. Norbert College archway in front of Main Hall for coordinator **Liz Ahlenius '83**. Her preparations for the event brought her back to campus for the first time in 25 years.

"I was in tears coming back," says Ahlenius. But it was more than simple nostalgia



Liz Ahlenius '83

that brought her to De Pere. She is one of the team planning her class's 25-year reunion for Oct. 17-19. She is working with **Lisa Ciolcowski Wilson '83** and **Kelly McGrath Buckley '83** and, even though the weekend's

program promises such traditional activities as the alumni tailgate party and alumni Mass, Ahlenius is looking for a slightly different approach.

Although she says she is known for always throwing the best get-togethers, Ahlenius' reunion philosophy involves more than simply hosting a great party.

"It's not just going back, but giving back," she says. She hopes that the Class of 1983 will make the trip, bring their families, take part in the variety of events, and give back the support that St. Norbert gave to them.

"Emotionally, I think a lot of people are going to be looking to rekindle the spirit, the friendships. I want my classmates to come back to see how they got where they are today. Was St. Norbert a stepping stone? A catapult?" asks Ahlenius. She says that,

although 25 years is a long time between visits, "there's something

about this place that I take with me wherever I go."

She imagines all alumni feel the same way, so she encourages her classmates to make the pilgrimage home, if only to rekindle that spark.

Reunion Weekend is for all alumni to take part in and enjoy. This year, Friday night receptions for all class years will take place on campus to make it easy for all returning alumni to meet and mingle.

In town early? Friday will see open classes for returning alumni. Just drop in to your old classroom during the day and see what your former professors are teaching this semester.

Saturday night will see anniversary class years break out for their own unique celebrations. For the Class of 1958 it will be a polka band; for Ahlenius' Class of 1983, dinner and a DJ; and, for the Class of 1998, a wine-tasting.

To find out more about what this year's Reunion Weekend has in store, visit [www.snc.edu/alumni/reunion](http://www.snc.edu/alumni/reunion).

## Did you know?

About 90 percent of recent graduates believe St. Norbert College helped them:

- strengthen their moral convictions.
- develop meaningful personal goals.
- act with integrity.
- synthesize knowledge.
- test assumptions and solve problems.
- develop leadership ability.
- cultivate open honest relationships based on mutual respect.

Ninety-five percent believe St. Norbert has an excellent reputation.

Sixty-one percent report contributing time to volunteer service since graduation.

Outcomes matter and prospective students can learn more about the opportunities that await them from those who know St. Norbert College best—its graduates. Each year, alumni



## Newest alumni

Alumni office staff celebrated with the college's newest alumni as the class of 2008 prepared to move into the post-college world at April's Cap & Gown social.

This year's graduates will each receive a personal note from fellow grad **Billy Falk '08** (Alumni and Parent Relations) inviting them to upcoming alumni events. Current students, too, will be invited to join in programming that takes place near their hometowns this summer.

"As graduates we all realize what SNC has done for us, and it is never too early to come home," said Falk.

who graduated two years ago and six years ago are asked for information about their college experience and their life since graduation.

If you graduated in 2002 or 2006, it's your turn to take part in this important survey, which you will find at [www.snc.edu/go/alumnisurvey](http://www.snc.edu/go/alumnisurvey). We would be delighted to have your assistance in telling this important part of the St. Norbert story.

## connect. grow. reflect.

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## Gimme those ol' exam week blues

Whether it's seeing their students well-prepared for finals or providing a musical interlude to counter semester-end stress, St. Norbert professors get the job done.

The Norbertones is a faculty band whose distinctive appeal endures, though individual members may have come and gone. Entertaining at Faculty, Flapjacks and Finals, a late-evening social that provides a welcome break during exam week, were (from left) **Bob Kramer** (History) on electric guitar, **David Duquette** (Philosophy) on guitar and vocals and **Joel Mann** (Philosophy) on double bass.

■ **Mary Oling-Sisay** (Student Affairs) has been elected to the board of directors of Wisconsin Women in Higher Education. She will represent the northern part of the state.

## A helping hand for new charter school

A new charter school is partnering with St. Norbert College and local businesses to help students reach their highest potential.

The college's support gives Phantom Knight School of Opportunity pupils a chance to create and build projects using on-campus resources.

**Bob Rutter** (Institutional Effectiveness) worked with the West De Pere School District and with trucking company Schneider National for almost two years to develop the outside-the-box educational program.

"Students have access to SNC's library and electronic databases and they attend college programs, such as the Great Decisions lectures," said Rutter, who now serves as the president of the school's board of directors. Schneider's **Jim Van Hefty '84** serves as vice president.

St. Norbert provides expert mentors on a voluntary basis to give the students college connections and to show potential future opportunities. "A number of faculty and staff have acted as project managers for the students and St. Norbert is placing student teachers there as well," said Rutter.

Phantom Knight pupils also have access to job-shadowing opportunities at Schneider and can seek mentoring and expert advice from the Green Bay company's staff.

The charter school provides an alternative academic setting for academically capable students who are currently not succeeding. Phantom Knight offers a student-driven program that allows students to complete creative,

individually-designed projects rather than following the more structured curriculum of established public schools.

The school opened its doors in September. Serving grades six through 12, it has registered some 20 students who are working on projects towards earning their high school diplomas.

■ **Kevin Quinn** (Economics) has been elected president of the Illinois Economic Association (IEA) for 2009-10. Quinn's involvement with the IEA dates back to his time as a graduate student at the University of Illinois-Chicago. He will serve as president-elect during 2008-09 and as program chair for the association's 2008 meeting in Chicago this October.

■ **Joel Mann** (Philosophy) has received a fellowship from the prestigious Loeb Classical Library Foundation in order to prepare a book for publication by Brill Publishers next year. Mann's work will consist of a translation from the original Greek, with philosophical commentary, of a text from the ancient medical corpus, "On the Art of Medicine."

Mann says this particular text is, first and foremost, a defense of the art of medicine.

"As fascination with the medical humanities has grown both in Europe and the Americas, scholars are turning more and more often to uncover these ancient roots of the Western medical tradition.

"Contemporary audiences, especially in the United States, will recognize the cultural tension between scientific innovation and conventional wisdom motivating the arguments in 'De arte,'

## A brush with Alaska

Twenty-five years after a five-year stint as artist and teacher in Alaska, **Drew Van Fossen** (Office of Communications) returned to the remote southwest of the state to paint a mural for the school in Pedro Bay (pop. 42).

As a teacher, Van Fossen used to spend a day each week in different Upik and Athabascan communities around Lake Iliamna, commuting from school to school by single-engine bush plane. During his time in Alaska, Van Fossen produced a number of murals and a work he created at the time has hung in the school since he and his wife, Kathleen, lived in the region.

The new piece, which complements the earlier painting, incorporates local activities and native people. Van Fossen used members of the community as his models.

"One day, I received an e-mail from someone in Pedro Bay asking if I was the D. Van Fossen who had painted a mural there years ago," says Van Fossen. "She said she had Googled the name signed on the artwork and found me at St. Norbert. It was a thrill for my wife and me to go back, and we had a fabulous time painting and making new friends."





and we can hope that they will, like our ancient author, come to appreciate the role of philosophy, rhetoric and other humanistic endeavors in healing that divide."

■ **Felice Maciejewski** (Library) has been selected to participate in the Frye Leadership Institute at Emory University in Atlanta, Ga., this summer. The program helps train leaders to support and maintain a high standard of information services.

■ **Dan Robinson** (Campus Ministry) and his wife, Laura, received the Bellin Health Small Group Award for their work at St. John the Evangelist Homeless Shelter. They were recognized at the 20th Annual WPS Volunteer Awards for their dedication and service.

The Robinsons said the shelter drew on help from more than 300 volunteers and many donors, and they themselves felt very fortunate to be recognized. "This was truly an expression of love and justice by the whole community and we were glad to be a small part of it," said Robinson.

■ An initiative by **Sam Dunlop '05** (International Recruitment) led to the recent adoption of a State of Wisconsin resolution recognizing international education. The resolution notes that "international education is critical to promoting a broadened world view among the students of this state, thereby preparing those students for life and work in the global community." It also says that heightened cultural awareness is critical to this country's national interests and is a critical component of its foreign policy. Dunlop hopes that this beginning will build toward a coherent national program to spark public awareness.

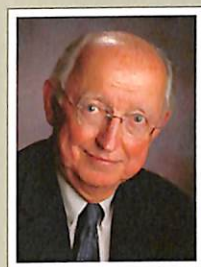
Dunlop's interest in international studies and development led him to solicit the help of Wisconsin senators in passing the resolution, which received bipartisan support. The opportunity to live and work in another country offered by St. Norbert's study abroad program first fostered Dunlop's interest in working with international students, he says.

According to Dunlop, this resolution will "bring home the idea that we are all connected to international culture and education, whether we know it or not."

## Valued faculty members retire after long careers

They brought with them new perspectives and dedicated more than 30 years of service to the college—each. This summer sees the retirement of three long-standing members of the faculty: **Michael Lukens** (Religious Studies), **Elizabeth King** (Political Science) and **Reed Hardy** (Psychology).

Since arriving at St. Norbert in 1971, Michael Lukens has served as religious studies faculty member, faculty chair and more recently, interim dean of the college and academic vice president. Beyond campus, Lukens has made significant contributions to the International Dietrich Bonhoeffer Society, an interfaith scholarly organization dedicated to preserving and sharing the testimony of the outspoken opponent of Nazism.



Michael Lukens

Lukens spent many years on the society's executive board and was involved in translating many of Bonhoeffer's works.

Lukens' many awards include the Leonard Ledvina Outstanding Teaching Award in 1985, the St. Norbert College President's Medal and two Rembert Weakland Awards for his many contributions to life in the Green Bay area.

Among the many classes he taught, Lukens was instrumental in developing the Judaism and Christianity course. **Howard Ebert**, dean of humanities and fine arts, said that this course was one of Lukens' most distinguished academic contributions, noting that Lukens had been very instrumental in advocating and fostering dialogue between the two religions.

During Lukens' "reorientation" (he does not care to call it retirement), he plans on continuing his work with the Bonhoeffer society and the Holocaust Memorial Museum.

During her 34 years at St. Norbert College, Elizabeth King founded both the political science department and the international studies program.

She also encouraged the creation of the environmental policy major and the establishment of the St. Norbert College Survey Center.

King served as the associate dean of social

science, associate academic dean, director of the leadership studies minor and director of international studies. She also chaired the assessment committee and was acting director of the Bemis International Center.

In 1980, King was honored with the Leonard Ledvina Teaching Award for her work in the classroom. The different courses she has taught during her career at St. Norbert College include European Politics, Rise and Fall of the USSR, and the capstone course in International Studies.

**James Benton**, dean of social sciences, knows King as a person of clear judgment and valuable counsel. He said, "I've never had either an argument or discussion with King that didn't give me a fresh perspective on the question."

Reed Hardy joined the psychology department as a full-time faculty member in 1974 and among the many courses he taught was one that he built from the ground up—Personal Development: A Multicultural Perspective. By its nature, Hardy notes, the class was always lively and productive in terms of helping students grapple with their own issues.

As one of his first projects, Hardy took on the role of director of the Children's Center, working to get the faculty licensed through the state and staffing it with trained professionals.

Hardy has worked alongside students as advisor of the Zen Club for the past six years and



Reed Hardy

was instrumental in the formation of the Psi Chi national honor society in psychology at St. Norbert College. He was also advisor to Psi Chi for 18 years.

The **Rev. Jay Fostner, O.Praem., '84**, a former student of

Hardy's and now vice president for mission and heritage, said, "It is an amazing experience to have a professor turn colleague. Dr. Hardy prepared me well for graduate school. Returning to St. Norbert with the opportunity to teach in the psychology discipline was a dream come true. I thank Dr. Hardy for his hand in making that dream happen."

In retirement, Hardy hopes to continue work on two books he is authoring.





## Independent study draws on several disciplines

A well-used edition of Aesop's fables discovered in the library's rare book room prompted an independent study project that made use of resources across campus.

The small volume, published in Venice in 1826, contains selected fables in both Greek and Latin, the two texts printed side by side as an aid to students assumed to already have some facility in Latin and now acquiring Greek.

**Rachel Waymel '08**, pictured above, has been comparing the selections made, and the way they were modified, with fuller versions of the fables recorded in classical times and the early medieval period. She hopes to publish her findings in a classical studies journal.

She thinks the textbook, produced for use in Jesuit schools, may be a survival from the small collection used by **Abbot Bernard Pennings** and his pupils in the very earliest days of the college.

Waymel's advisor, **Betsy Bauman-Martin** (Religious Studies), says her student's work is a perfect example of the opportunities that follow from the value placed on interdisciplinarity at St. Norbert. "She's an English major who is doing an independent study in Greek, has taken three semesters of Latin here, and studied Gaelic in Ireland. Her project is a result of the cooperation between the religious studies and English disciplines, the classical studies and study abroad programs, and the Center for Norbertine Studies."

## The call of the wild

Leopold is an orphaned broad-winged hawk who, when he first came to the Bay Beach Wildlife Sanctuary in Green Bay, needed a partial wing amputation. Now he is a permanent program bird at the sanctuary, where future veterinarian and wildlife rehabilitation intern **John Tracey '08** had the opportunity to help name, raise and train him.

Tracey's stint as a wildlife rehabilitation intern has meant helping with all of the injured or orphaned wild animals brought in.

"My duties include providing immediate care to such things as rabbits, squirrels, woodchucks, raccoons, opossums, white-tailed deer fawns, many types of songbirds, shorebirds, raptors and various other mammals, including two bear cubs," he says.

Tracey also has to make decisions as to whether or not these animals need to be euthanized, and what types of medicine and foods to give his treatable patients.

"Generally, once the patients are in stable condition and orphans are started on milk formula, a licensed rehab volunteer takes them to their own home to care for them until release. Some animals we kept on site the entire time until release," he adds.

Tracey, who has always liked working with and studying animals, knew when he became an intern at the wildlife sanctuary that he would eventually be applying to veterinary school. He is now considering wildlife or large animal medicine.

■ **Paul Utterback '09** has earned the Northeast Wisconsin Arts Council (newARTS) Award for College Literary Arts—and the English major's taste for writing has gained him recognition in other quarters, too.

At the national Sigma Tau Delta conference, he won the E. James Nelson Junior scholarship and, at St. Norbert's own literary awards event, he took first place in the critical essay section and received the Mary McHale Wood Award.

This summer, he will be interning at the A.H.E.A.D. Coalition (Advocates Helping Educate Against Drugs) back home in Indiana, where he will use his writing skills to create presentations, hold classes, write columns for the newsletter as well as the local papers, and draft letters for the executive director.

## Service trip aids European priory



Rachelle Barina '09 with a Hungarian friend.

Norbertine sisters who once studied at St. Norbert to improve their English were, this spring, among those who welcomed a group of current students to their priory in Hungary. The students used their May service trip to help the nuns minister to their neighbors.

The group assisted at high schools sponsored by Norbertines of the Zsámbék and Gödöllő communities, where they helped the students with their English and answered their questions about everyday life in the United States and at St. Norbert. They also distributed clothes to impoverished families and worked at a day-care center for needy children.

**Kristen Susienka '10** said she found her encounters with the Norbertines who hosted the group inspiring, from their amazing faith in God to their personal purity, generosity and humility. And **Beth Adamski '08** added, "Their hospitality, love and kindness was more than I could have ever imagined. They are truly working for and with the Lord."

Hungary was really struggling, said trip leader **Rachelle Barina '09**. "Zsámbék is a city of only 5,000 people and there were children there who were starving. It is very impoverished. There was some extreme poverty that I didn't expect to see in Europe."



■ The ROTC commissioned two officers in May—and prepared for a second celebration this summer. **2nd Lt. Jessica Hemesath '08** and **2nd Lt. Daniel Mahoney '08** plan a July wedding.

Mahoney is the son of adjunct professor **Tom Mahoney** (Communication), who says his son's commissioning means the Mahoneys are now a "three branch" family. Tom's daughter and son-in-law are officers in the U.S. Air Force and Dan's younger brother is a midshipman at the Naval Academy.

Hemesath says she is feeling both nervous and excited at the prospect of starting Army life and married life at the same time. The pair will enter separate training programs before reconnecting in Virginia next year.

She says, "It will be hard to be separated and it will create a little more of a challenge, but it helps that we are going through the same experience. We were separated last summer for training while we were dating and we could only communicate through letters. We have phone and internet privileges in this training program so it's a lot better than just writing letters."

■ **Livy Traczyk '08** reached the top 15 out of more than 1,200 participants in the New York Times' "Modern Love" college essay contest. Her fellow finalists included students from Princeton, Stanford and Yale Universities.

■ This year's graduating chemistry majors have more than their Bachelor of Science degrees in common: all eight are on their way to post-graduate study. **Amanda McGovern '08**, **Austin Baranek '08**, **Kristina Knesting '08**, **Amber Schuh '08**, **Steven Kraft '08**, **Laura Kubista '08** and **Jamie Wieting '08** are all entering Ph.D. or Pharm.D. programs. **Ryan Schoenenberger '08** will be attending the Marquette University School of Dentistry.

■ Five research teams have each received \$1,000 awards from the Student/Faculty Development Endowment Fund in support of their projects.

**Kevin Quinn** (Economics), **Anne Berkovitz '09** and **Melissa Geier '09** will complete a full-cycle research effort studying the productivity outcomes for quarterbacks chosen from National Football League player entry drafts.

**John Pennington** (English) and **Rachel Sayer '08** have been researching their claim that

J. M. Barrie's "Peter Pan" portrays and defines human tragedy through Peter.

**Anindo Choudhury** (Biology) and **John Tracey '08** have been collecting and comparing data in order to determine the molecular phylogenetics of a possible tapeworm species complex.

**Mark Bockenbauer** (Geography), **Krissy Lukens** (Education), **Reid Riggie** (Education), **Maggie George '08**, **Chelsea Faase '08**, **Marissa Greuel '08** and **Laura Daly '08** have been developing a web site that will serve as a repository for student-produced units focusing on geographic positioning and informational systems.

**Scott Kirst** (Education), **Michael Olson** (Physics), **Kyle Diederich '09**, **Kendall Perez '09** and **Valerie Gray '11** will explore the scientific and technological aspects of a hydrogen fuel cell, to gain knowledge that will help develop student and teacher guides for bilingual students in elementary and secondary schools.

■ Recognized at this year's Academic Awards Dinner for four years of excellence were these members of the Class of 2008: **Beth Adamski**, **Terrence Donahue** and **Travis Conradt** (Psychology); **Daniel Dargenio**, **Amelia Froelich** and **Evan Hucek** (History); **Lauren Anderson**, **Molly Gill**, **Kathryn Jenewein**, **Emily Johnson**,

**Samantha Kozak**, **Nicholas Rankin**, **John Tracey** and **Emily Valenta** (Biology); **Courtney DeJardin**, **Kathryn De Lorme**, **Marissa Greuel**, **Kelsey Gross**, **Rachel Grunwald**, **Katie Coonen**, **Angela Picchietti**, **Cassandra Potts**, **Stephanie Kohler**, **Alyson Rezin**, **Katie Larson**, **Erin Marks**, **Mary Meleski**, **Anthony Mendina**, **Jenna Miller**, **Nicole Weiskirch**, **Jenna Scuglik** and **Justine Strand** (Education); **Kristina Bielke**, **Kelly Armer**, **Jacqueline Palasz**, **Hannah-Mae Wick** and **Rachael Sultze** (Art); **Katie Weihbrecht**, **Dana Bald**, **Eric Bieniasz**, **Molly Buckley**, **Michael Gordon**, **Sarah Christianson**, **Jamie Rominski** and **Jill Warner** (Business Administration); **Nicole Been**, **Mark Krines**, **Sarah Schultz** and **Elizabeth Colletti** (Mathematics); **Jennifer Doro** and **Lauren Gilmore** (Music Education); **Matthew Captaine** (Physics); **Amber Hartl**, **Erin Pfeffer**, **Rachel Waymel** and **Livy Traczyk** (English); **Laura Daly**, **Julie Preisler** and **Emily Hermus** (Elementary Education); **Stephanie Hill** (French); **Abigail Scher** and **Jaclyn Mueller** (Communication, Media and Theatre); **Kristina Knesting**, **Amber Schuh** and **Jamie Wieting** (Chemistry); **Pamela Ripp** (Economics); **John McGuire** (Philosophy); **Eric Seitz** (International Business); **Katie Vater** (Spanish); **Emily Spierings**, **Sarah Sportiello** and **Amir St. Clair** (Religious Studies); and **Maya Zahn** (Political Science).

## Proven communications skills



Mary Potter '08



Briana Jones '08



Rachael Sultze '08



Robert Knapp '08

The Office of Communications bids a special farewell to this year's four graduating interns. **Mary Potter '08**, **Briana Jones '08** and **Rachael Sultze '08** have all contributed to this magazine and many other college publications. **Robert Knapp '08** filmed football and hockey games for broadcast on Wisconsin on Demand.

Potter's internship has spanned all four years—she interviewed for her position her very first day of classes as a freshman and has kept internal communications and much more in order ever since. She is on her way to graduate work in psychology.

Sultze, a design intern, is now considering future options while Jones, a writing intern, has secured a position as an editor at a Green Bay dot-com. Knapp is now working at a summer internship with the Green Bay Packers organization before heading to graduate school.



**1997 Brigitte (Chaulklin)** and Vince Skrundz, Burlington, Wis., a son, Patrick Nels, March 18, 2008. Patrick joins brothers Jake, 6, and Austin, 3.

**1998 Jennifer (Petit)** and Chris Van Asten '02, Appleton, Wis., a son, Pearce Lee, Nov. 5, 2007. Pearce joins brother Miles, 2.

**1998 Natalie (Hilsgen)** and Brian Danaher '98, Woodbury, Minn., a son, Matthew Thomas, Nov. 29, 2007.

**1998 Maggie (Blake)** and Nathan Kudick '98, Madison, Wis., a son, Findley Joseph, Dec. 13, 2007. Findley joins siblings Kameron, 10, Julian, 6, and Mira, 2.

**1999 Ann (Dickinson)** and William Degenhard, Hamilton, Ohio, a daughter, Cecilia Marie, July 19, 2007.

**1999 Jamie (Thompson)** and Erik Hietpas '99, Appleton, Wis., a son, Matthew Joseph, July 23, 2007. Matthew joins brother Garrett, 3.

**1999 Suzanne (Warborg)** and Kelly Stelzer, Middleton, Wis., a daughter, Evelyn Ruth, Oct. 17, 2007.

**1999 Joe** and Lisa Accardi, Oswego, Ill., a son, Charles Joseph, Oct. 24, 2007.

**1999 Katherine (Clauer)** and Jason Escheidmeier, Green Bay, a daughter, Amelia Rose, Feb. 23, 2008. Amelia joins brothers Noah, 3, and Carter, 1.

**2000 Holli (Leland)** and Sean McFarland, St. Paul, Minn., a daughter, Nona, July 29, 2007.

**2000 Erin (Whitty)** and Kevin Kalish, Princeton, N.J., a daughter, Elizabeth Anna, Aug. 7, 2007.

**2000 Heidi (Leland)** and Ben Nelson '99, Lawrence, Kan., a son, Finn, Dec. 10, 2007.

**2000 Shelly (Gentine)** and Travis Trepanier, Plymouth, Wis., a son, Max Lawrence, Feb. 2, 2008. Max joins sister Molly, 3.

**2000 Sarah (Murphy)** and Shawn Flynn '00, Hastings, Minn., a daughter, Violet Emma, March 22, 2008. Violet joins siblings Douglas, 3, and Norah, 1.

**2000 Tracie (Brach)** and Bill Weil, Elgin, Ill., a daughter, Jolene Ann, March 22, 2008.

**2001 Amy (Forsha)** and Andy Noth '01, Ladysmith, Wis., a daughter, Sage Elizabeth, Nov. 1, 2007.

**2001 Michael** and Caroline Tauscher, Appleton, Wis., a son, Carson, Feb. 28, 2008.

**2002 Kelly (Boerboom)** and Dan Rowe '02, Oneida, Wis., a daughter, Lydia Kaiyn, Oct. 30, 2007.

**2002 Tamara (Tranowski)** and Joshua Smith, South Milwaukee, Wis., a son, Carter MacKinnon, Jan. 21, 2008.

**2003 Jillian (Marx)** and Nathan Wenig, Wauwatosa, Wis., a son, Eli Robert, Nov. 8, 2007.

**2003 Jessica (Newton)** and Curt McReynolds, Yorkville, Ill., a daughter, Abigail Maya, Nov. 13, 2007.

**2003 Jennifer (Lambrecht)** and Kellen Squire, Roanoke, Va., a daughter, Brooklyn Elizabeth, Dec. 30, 2007.

**2005 Rachel (Rohan)** and Michael Schmitz '05, De Pere, a son, Toby Daniel, Oct. 26, 2007.

**2005 Stefanie (Mogensen)** and Sam Benjamin, Neenah, Wis., a daughter, Calla Lee, Nov. 10, 2007.

## Marriages

**1980 Julie Curro** and Robert Idzikowski, April 12, 2008. They live in Slinger, Wis.

**1995 Joe** and Susan Steiner, Dec. 21, 2007. They live in Kewaunee, Wis.

**1995 Paul** and Catherine Woods, April 12, 2008. They live in Madison, Wis.

**1998 Jason** and Erin Joanis, Oct. 26, 2007. They live in Fort Atkinson, Wis.

**1999 Kristen Kelsch** and Aaron Hearn, Oct. 20, 2007. They live in Naperville, Ill.

**2000 Catherine Sanders** and Matthew Preissner, Sept. 1, 2007. They live in Appleton, Wis.

**2002 Tyler** and Amber Schwartz, June 23, 2007. They live in Washington, D.C.

**2002 Nicholas** and Jennifer Atkin, Oct. 20, 2007. They live in Sheboygan Falls, Wis.

**2002 Danielle Anholzer** and Kevin Santry '02, Nov. 24, 2007. They live in Appleton, Wis.

**2003 Andy** and Amanda Cornelissen, June 2, 2007. They live in De Pere.

**2003 Nicholas** and Crystal Berg, June 30, 2007. They live in Suamico, Wis.

**2003 Abbey Mitchell** and Christopher Karel, Oct. 20, 2007. They live in Milwaukee, Wis.

**2003 Nicholas** and Kimberly Llanas, Oct. 27, 2007. They live in Kenosha, Wis.

**2003 Kari Youngbauer** and Luke Haas '03, Nov. 24, 2007. They live in Montello, Wis.

**2003 Ryan** and Danielle Cramer, Jan. 15, 2008. They live in Wichita, Kan.

**2003 Lillian Morales** and Benjamin Sowles, April 5, 2008. They live in Charlotte, N.C.

**2004 Jamie Harrison** and Kyle Gassner, July 7, 2007. They live in Madison, Wis.

**2004 Lauren Mae Uildriks** and Adam Winters '04, Sept. 2, 2007. They live in Chicago.

**2004 Ashley Roberts** and Chris Maederer, Jan. 5, 2008. They live in Abrams, Wis.

**2005 Emily Floyd** and Edward Ronsman '05, June 1, 2007. They live in Ponte Vedra Beach, Fla.

**2005 Shannon Genrich** and Craig Scanlon '05, Jan. 19, 2008. They live in De Pere.

**2006 Gregory** and Brenda Billings, Oct. 5, 2007. They live in Green Bay.

**2006 Tanya Engel** and Aaron Anker, Oct. 6, 2007. They live in Cecil, Wis.

**2007 Amy Heusterberg** and Lucas Richards '06, Dec. 29, 2007. They live in Little Chute, Wis.

## Deaths

**1943 Frank "Bud" Jonet**, of Green Bay, died Jan. 28, 2008, at the age of 87. During World War II he served in the U.S. Army in the 126th Field Artillery of the 32nd Division.

serving in the Philippines and New Guinea. In later life he was a self-employed public accountant for many years. He is survived by his wife, Edith, and five children.

**1946 Paul Creviere Sr.**, of De Pere, died Jan. 29, 2008, at the age of 83. A former De Pere Journal publisher, Creviere received the St. Norbert College Achievement Award for outstanding service in journalism in 1969. He served three terms as a member of the board of directors of the Wisconsin Newspaper Association and served as its president in 1972. He is survived by his children and grandchildren.

**1949 John "Hans" Schumacher**, of De Pere, died Jan. 21, 2008, at the age of 80. Schumacher served in the U.S. Navy in World War II. He later worked as an anesthesiologist at Bellin, St. Vincent and St. Mary's Hospitals in Green Bay before retiring in 1987. Schumacher is survived by his wife, Marjorie, and seven children.

**1950 James Renier**, of Denmark, Wis., died Jan. 4, 2008, at the age of 81. An English and math teacher, Renier spent most of his life working in Denmark (Wis.) schools. He taught for 11 years before becoming the principal of Denmark High School, a position he held for 20 years. He served as district superintendent for seven years before retiring in 1988.

**1951 John Tracy**, of Wausaukee, Wis., died Jan. 17, 2008, at the age of 80. As well as serving in the U.S. Navy, he worked as a teacher, coach, postmaster, Wausaukee (Wis.) school board member, auctioneer and antique dealer. He is survived by his children and stepchildren.

**1960 Lt. Col. Peter Becque**, of Tucson, Ariz., died Dec. 4, 2007, at the age of 70. Becque entered the U.S. Army as a second lieutenant assigned to the Signal Corps, later transferring to military intelligence. After retiring from the Army in 1978, he worked at the U.S. Army Intelligence Center, at Mantech and at the Department of Economic Security, where he was the veterans employment security specialist. Among many military honors, Becque was awarded the Legion of Merit, Vietnam Gallantry Cross, Meritorious Service Medal and Meritorious Unit Commendation. In 1990 he was named the Disabled Veteran Employment Specialist of the Year for the State of Arizona. He is survived by his wife, Susan, and two sons, Mark and John.

**1963 Jim Meverden Sr.**, of Two Rivers, Wis., died Nov. 13, 2007, at the age of 71. Meverden served in the U.S. Air Force Band and was a member of the American Legion. A band director, he taught at several Two Rivers schools. He is survived by his wife, Eleanor, and their three children.

**1976 John "Jack" Coffou III**, of Marlborough, Mass., died Feb. 13, 2008. He was employed by The Allied Group of Cranston, R.I., as account manager for commercial printing products. He is survived by his wife, Ann, his children, Charles and Martha, and five siblings: Marie; his twin brother, James; William '78; Brian; and Jeanne DiGuardi. William writes, "Jack was a lover of life, bartender extraordinaire at the Irish Pub, voice of St. Norbert College hockey, always wore a smile."

## Class Notes

**1967 Jack Riopelle** was featured in the book, "Apples Are Square: Thinking Differently About Leadership," by Susan Smith Kuczmarski and Thomas Kuczmarski. Riopelle is the former CEO of Wisconsin Film & Bag.

**1972 David Reichenberger** has retired after 34 years in



physical therapy patient care. Most recently he has been working at the Veterans Administration Hospital in Madison, Wis. He is completing a three-year term on the ethics committee of the Wisconsin Physical Therapy Association and has joined the integrated ethics committee at the VA.

**1980 Frank Rodell** has received his master's degree in psychiatric nursing. He has recently become a psychiatric nurse practitioner in Clearwater, Fla.

**1982 Kevin Agen**, of the Wisconsin Air National Guard, received the Bronze Star for his achievements while conducting and supporting combat security escort missions in Iraq. He was also awarded the Army Commendation Medal for his role as the project officer for a battalion-wide relocation. Agen has recently been reassigned to the 311th Signal Command as the deputy chief of staff G-1.

**1982 Jeffrey Staffaroni** has returned to teaching after several years. He is now teaching keyboard and vocal music in the St. Johns County (Fla.) School District at Fruit Cove Middle School.

**1983 Theresa Rosik-Geurts** completed her Project Management Lead Certification through the Milwaukee School of Engineering in March 2008. (David Schmitz '75, of Business Advisors International, serves as an adjunct professor to this program.)

**1986 Mike Daniels** has been promoted to president and chief operating officer of Nicolet National Bank in Green Bay.

**1986 Michael Diamond** has been named as a community columnist for the Post-Crescent newspaper in Appleton, Wis. He is a veteran of Operation Desert Storm and Operation Provide Comfort.

**1987 Elizabeth (Goard) Agen** was recently promoted from grant coordinator to executive director at Newtown Youth & Family Services in Newtown, Conn. Agen says everyone needs support and direction at some point in his or her life, and NYFS can offer that support and direction, whether through therapy, support groups or recreational activities that improve learning and self-esteem.

**1987 Mike Conard** has joined Hawkins, Ash, Baptie & Company LLP as a staff accountant and tax preparer. Conard earned a second degree in accounting from Lakeland College. He is a member of the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants and serves as a volunteer mediator for Green Bay Mediation Services.

**1988 Lisa (Savaiano) Lamberta** was recently promoted to director of telemetry at MacNeal Hospital, located in Berwyn, Ill. She has been employed at MacNeal for 19 years.

**1989 Michael Cyrus** is the new assistant superintendent of Lake Forest (Ill.) elementary and high school districts. Residing in Chicago, Cyrus is continuing to pursue his doctorate in educational administration at Columbia University Teachers College in New York City.

**1989 Patrick Foley** just finished a five-week run as the lead in the Los Angeles premiere of the musical "Moon Shine!" This run followed back-to-back lead roles in "110 in the Shade," "Blithe Spirit," "The Unexpected Guest" and "I Love You, You're Perfect, Now Change." Foley also had a role in the daytime drama "Passions" last summer.

**1990 Charlie Mares** has accepted the position of practice administrator at Fox Valley Surgical Associates.

**1990 Leslie McManus** starred in "The Job," a satirical short film produced by Screaming Frog Productions that, in less

# Business as anything but usual

It's never been hard for Ken Koseki '64 to find reasons to return to the United States, but these days business is as good a reason as any. Koseki's company has recently sold an electrobeam lithography system to Harvard University, for instance, and continues to expand internationally. And that's only one new venture in a role that Koseki sees as post-retirement challenge more than career.

Capitalizing on opportunities is nothing new to Koseki, the man who introduced Kleenex tissues to Japan and whose concept led to the development of the izone camera. Still, after the fashion in Japan, he had spent most of his working life with one company, Polaroid. So, once his 60th birthday showed on the horizon, he began looking ahead to what retirement might hold. "I had lived 60 years and was forming a certain scale of values," he says. "I started thinking, maybe life from 60 can be my real life. Continuing to work at Polaroid—it would be very easy. I know people, I know the organization. That was very comfortable thinking, but it may not be the very best way to live to my purpose."

While Koseki was reflecting, a friend approached him for help in internationalizing his nanotechnology company, Elionix. Koseki took stock. The product of a liberal arts education, he knew little of engineering. He had made his career at Kimberly-Clark and Polaroid, so he knew nothing of smaller-scale operations.

It seemed like the challenge he had been looking for had presented itself.

At first, he had no idea what his new colleagues were talking about, so he created his own dictionary in order to produce English language materials with which to promote their products overseas.

"We went to Korea, went to Taiwan, Singapore, China, appointing new distributors in each place. "The company



Ken Koseki '64 counsels Ayako Kuroyanagi.

specializes in providing nanotechnology equipment. It's now really topical in the engineering field and the government has started funding for investors and national research agencies. I thought, now maybe we are ready to come to the U.S."

Elionix had no reputation in the United States yet, on its behalf, Koseki was approaching customers who, like Harvard, would have to spend millions of dollars for his product.

"I was confident in the performance of our system. What we lacked was our credibility, our presence. I asked myself, how I can create the value? Because Harvard is No. 1 in the world, they have to have the No. 1 system in the world, that's their attitude. So I said, please give us homework. It turned out that we were the first to turn in the homework and I'm quite confident we were the best."

In little more than two years, Elionix's U.S. customers have also come to include Notre Dame, Duke and the University of Pennsylvania. These American customers aren't the only contacts Koseki has with the world of education. He finds himself in the classroom again, this time teaching at Nihon University in Tokyo. He now encourages his own students to improve their English at his alma mater. His recent visit to St. Norbert gave him the chance to catch up with Ayako Kuroyanagi, who is studying international relationships at Nihon and recently completed seven months in St. Norbert's English as a Second Language program. ○



than a year, has already won 13 awards and has been screened at some 55 festivals.

**1992 Scott Nikolai**, a political science professor at the University of Wisconsin-Platteville, presented a paper on "Presidential Traits and First Lady Affect: Does Gender Make a Difference?" at the UW system's annual Women's Studies Conference at the University of Wisconsin-Green Bay. The paper is currently under review as a possible research article for the journal "Presidential Studies Quarterly."

**1992 Justin Ritter** recently accepted a position as a specifications consultant with Door Security Solutions-Great Lakes, working with architects in Wisconsin. Previously, Ritter was employed at Reliant Glass & Door Systems.

**1992 Pete Schueller** has recently been admitted to the partnership of Deloitte & Touche USA, one of the nation's leading professional services firms.

**1993 Kelly (Kasum) Ressel** has been selected as one of 12 members of the Milwaukee Journal Sentinel's 2008 reader advisory committee.

**1995 Carl Castelic** has joined the Bank of Luxemburg's Green Bay office as a commercial loan sales officer. He is currently pursuing a master's degree in business administration from the University of Wisconsin Oshkosh.

**1995 Julie Kiefer** has accepted the new position of education coordinator at Trinity Episcopal Church in Oshkosh, Wis. Kiefer has a degree in business administration and sociology. She previously worked as fund development coordinator at Integrated Community Services, and as assistant general manager and activity director at Moraine Ridge Retirement Community.

**1996 Brian Blaha** was recently elected partner in Wipfli LLP, a CPA and consulting firm with offices in Wisconsin and Minnesota. He is based in the firm's Green Bay office.

**1996 Angela Campion** recently accepted a position at Stark Investments, located in St. Francis, Wis., as a senior tax analyst. Campion was previously employed at O'Neil, Cannon, Hollman, DeLong S.C. as an associate attorney. She says that, after eight years as a tax and business attorney in Milwaukee, she is excited that her new position will also

incorporate her international business education. She will continue to teach part time as a member of the adjunct faculty at Marquette University Law School.

**1998 Sean Damitz** received a master's degree in English from Utah State University and has accepted a position as director of the Utah Conservation Corps.

**1999 Bradley Bauter** recently accepted a position at International Foundation of Employee Benefit Plans in Brookfield, Wis., as a graphic designer. He was previously employed at Blue Horse.

**1999 Liz (Shields) Keating** is currently an associate for the business litigation group of Faegre & Benson LLP, a law firm in Minneapolis.

**2000 Ray Brouillette** has earned a fellowship in the Society of Actuaries and is a member of the American Academy of Actuaries.

**2000 Laura (Morrone) Kalies** is pursuing an M.B.A. at the University of St. Thomas, with a focus in strategic planning and management consulting.

**2001 Angela (Vosters) Kujath** recently accepted the position of executive director with the American College of Hyperbaric Medicine in Milwaukee. She was previously the marketing manager at Assisted Living Concepts in Menomonee Falls, Wis.

**2002 Daniel Guild** has accepted a position as the new village administrator for Wrightstown, Wis. He is also currently working on a master's degree in urban and regional planning at Michigan State University.

**2003 Bart Mapes** has graduated from Marquette University School of Dentistry and joined the practice of Dr. Brett Skay in Waukesha, Wis.

**2004 Steven Peterson** has received a master's degree in urban and regional planning, with an emphasis in real estate and land use planning, from the University of Minnesota. He is now employed at SRF Consulting Group Inc. in Minneapolis.

**2004 Jill (Havinga) Rhoades** has received a master's degree in science in education, for school counseling, from the University of Wisconsin Oshkosh.

**2004 Daniel Schleis** recently accepted an associate attorney position at Breiner & Breiner LLC, an intellectual property law firm located in Alexandria, Va.

**2004 Brian Schley** has accepted a job as guidance counselor in the Two Rivers (Wis.) School District, working at L.B. Clarke Middle School.

**2005 Abigail Mallek** has earned an M.M.S. in physician assistant studies from the College of Health Science of Midwestern University.

**2006 Lauren Worthy** has been elected to a board of director's position with the Milwaukee World Trade Association for a three-year term.

**2007 Mindy Farrell** has been hired as a science teacher at Washington/Wilson Junior High Schools in Manitowoc, Wis.

**2007 Kathryn Heitman** recently accepted a position with Oshkosh Corporation in Oshkosh, Wis., as a sales administrator for the United Kingdom.

**2007 Krista Perine** is currently a social studies teacher at Plainfield North (Ill.) High School. She is also an assistant speech coach for the Plainfield North speech team.

**2007 Kimberly Sanders** is currently a third-grade elementary teacher in the Westfield (Wis.) School District. Sanders is coaching JV volleyball, JV reserve basketball and freshman softball.

■ The Green Bay and De Pere school districts can each boast of the success of a St. Norbert teacher education alumna. **Spring Hongisto '03** and **Angela Stumpf '00** have been selected as 2008 fellows by the Herb Kohl Educational Foundation.

Recipients of the fellowship award display the ability to inspire students and create an exceptional environment in which to motivate others. Hongisto and Stumpf were also recognized for facilitating service and further education inside and outside the classroom.

As a teacher at Syble Hopp School in De Pere, Hongisto provides education and support to a classroom of children with disabilities.

Stumpf works with fourth-graders at Notre Dame Elementary School in Green Bay, where she teaches across the curriculum.

## Organist marks special year with personal achievements



Bernard Sanders '75 and his wife, Regina.

The American Guild of Organists has named 2008-09 the International Year of the Organ and **Bernard (Wayne) Sanders '75**, music director at St. Gallus and St. Mary's in Tuttlingen, Germany, is marking the event in appropriate style.

Sanders recently completed a CD recording of his compositions for the recorder and organ. Titled "Cavatina," the collection was named for the third of his "Three Pieces" sonata. It has been released by ambitus Musikproduktion of Hamburg, Germany.

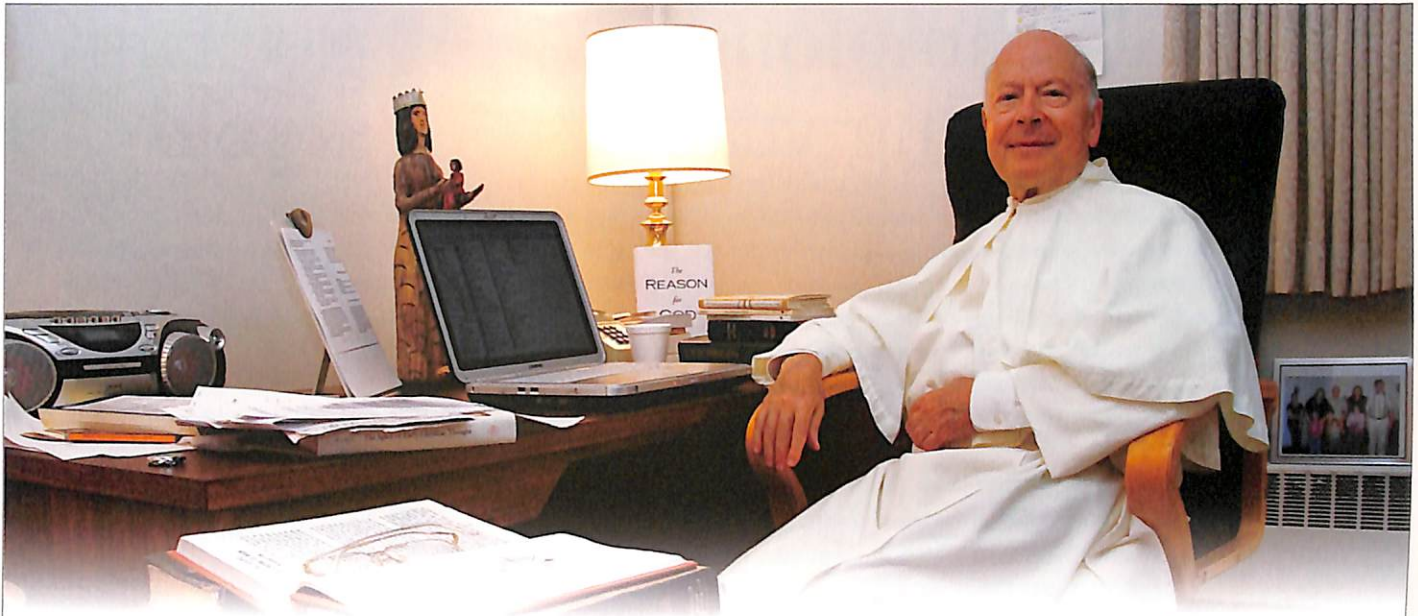
And his composition "Ornament of Grace," for violin or oboe and organ, won first place in an American Guild of Organists (AGO) competition. Concordia Publishing House will publish the composition and Sanders will officially receive his prize at the AGO National Convention in Minneapolis this summer.

Two further pieces have received their premier performances in Germany within the last 12 months, and two more have been accepted for publication.

Sanders, who studied composition and organ at Wichita State University, furthered his studies in Germany, earning a degree in organ performance from the Hochschule für Musik in Hamburg.

He now lives with his wife and two daughters in Muehlheim, in southern Germany.





## McBride among 20th century's most influential educators

**T**he Rev. Alfred McBride, O.Praem., '50 has been named among influential religious education leaders of the 20th century.

The Christian Educators of the 20th Century project pulls together information on influential Protestant and Roman Catholic religious education leaders and makes it available for research and reference purposes. A database maintained by the Talbot School of Theology at Biola University provides biographical and bibliographical information on these leaders to assist others in understanding the development of Christian education in North America over this past century.

McBride has lectured and written widely—his published works include 40 books and 200 articles.

He was the founder and executive director of the department of religious education at the National Catholic Educational Association, where he served from 1972 to 1979. The U.S. Catholic bishops appointed him to write the catechesis in preparation for the second pastoral visit of Pope John Paul II to the United States in 1987, and also to be a special representative to the media during that visit.

He has served as a consultant on the catechism for the Archdiocese of Boston and a consultant to the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops' Committee for Catechesis. He also worked on a series of television programs for EWTN on the Acts of the Apostles, the Apocalypse, Blessed John XXIII and "Images of Mary."

Ordained to the priesthood in 1953, McBride served as teacher (at St. Norbert High School), novice master, professor, president of the University of Albuquerque, spiritual director for Aid to the Church in Need-USA and professor of homiletics at Blessed John XXIII Seminary. He holds a diploma in catechetics from Lumen Vitae in Brussels, Belgium, and earned a doctorate in religious education from the Catholic University of America in Washington, D.C.

McBride lives at St. Joseph Priory on campus, where he continues his ministry through writing, retreats, workshops and parish work. He serves on the board of Our Sunday Visitor and is a trustee of St. Norbert College.

His most recent book, "How to Pray Like the Saints," will be published in 2009. ○

## In memoriam



**Brother Clement Tourangeau, O.Praem.,** died May 3, 2008, at the age of 89.

Tourangeau, who professed solemn vows on Aug. 28, 1942, had a great love for cooking

and used his talents as a cook at Norbertine houses in Madison, Wis.; Paoli, Pa.; Chicago; and

Green Bay.

Among those who survive him is his nephew, the **Rev. John Tourangeau, O.Praem., '81**, who preached the homily at the Mass of Christian Burial at St. Norbert Abbey.

**The Rev. Lambert Baeten, O.Praem., '56** died March 20, 2008, at the age of 75. Baeten was pastor of Parroquia Asunción de Nuestra Señora/Santa Clotilde on the Rio Napo, Iquitos,

Peru, where he had served since 1988.

Baeten taught in Wisconsin and Philadelphia until 1966, when Pope John XXIII asked for the establishment of missions throughout Latin America. During his 42 years in Peru, he worked in the San Norberto Parish in the capital city of Lima; volunteered for a year helping survivors of an earthquake in the Andes Mountains; and established the Parish of San Marcos in San Juan Lurigancho, just outside Lima.



# National championship crowns winning year

A national title, four conference championships and the Midwest Conference's women's all-sports trophy—it was another banner year for a program that also saw two of its graduating student-athletes sign professional contracts.

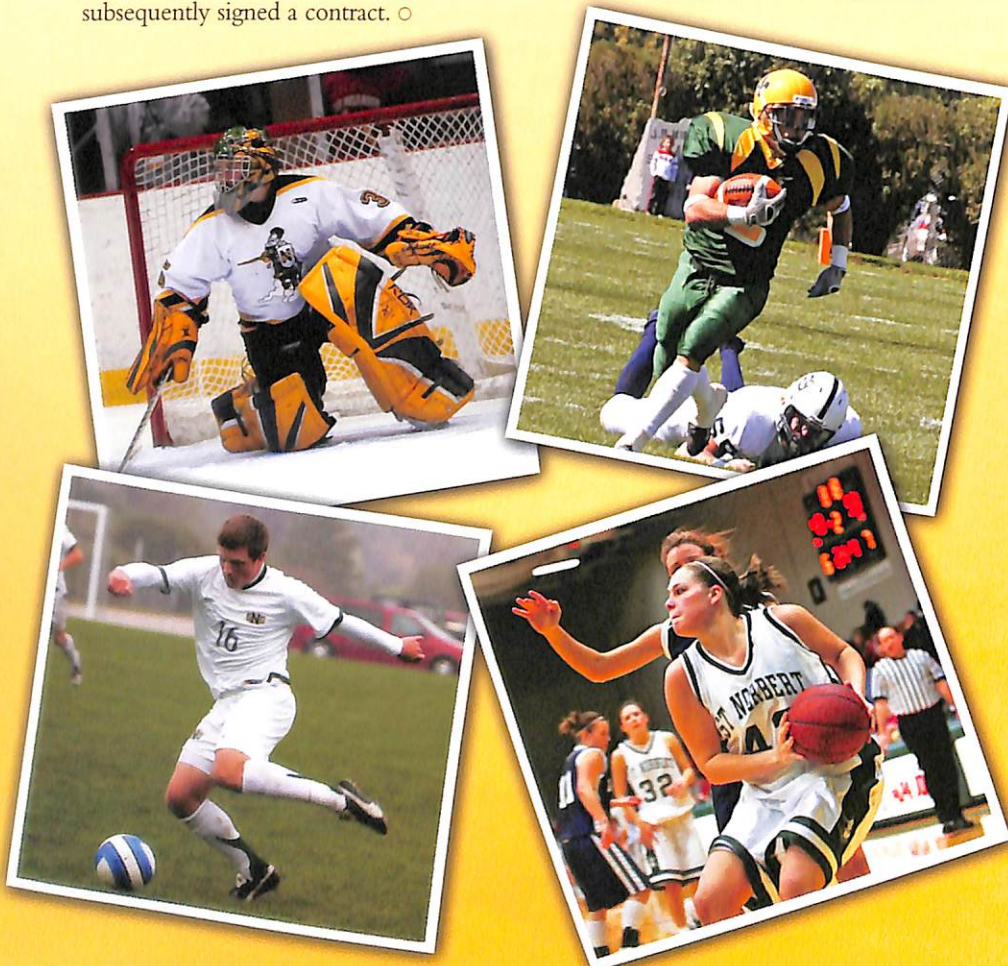
The men's ice hockey team enjoyed one of the best seasons in small-college hockey history, posting a 27-1-4 record en route to winning the NCAA Division III national championship at historic Herb Brooks Arena in Lake Placid, N.Y. The Green Knights finished the year on a 29-game unbeaten streak, shutting out Plattsburgh State 2-0 for the championship on Easter Sunday.

Women's basketball finished 22-5, with head coach Connie Tilley winning her 12th conference championship. The Green Knights won their NCAA Tournament opener by handily defeating the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point on the road before falling to the University of Chicago.

Men's soccer and football also won conference championships and, in all, 18 of St. Norbert's 20 sports finished in the top three in conference standings this year.

In the Midwest Conference all-sports standings, St. Norbert won the women's championship by seven points over the next closest school. The men finished third but were just two points out of first despite being one of two schools in the league that does not offer all 10 conference men's sports.

Individually, hockey goaltender Kyle Jones '08 signed an American Hockey League contract with the San Jose Sharks in May. Baseball shortstop Adam Frost '09 was drafted in the 21st round of the Major League Baseball Amateur Draft by the Detroit Tigers in June and subsequently signed a contract. ○



## 2007-08

### St. Norbert College Sports Records

**Football** 10-1 overall, 9-0 MWC, Conference Champion, NCAA First Round

**Volleyball** 25-6 overall, 8-1 MWC, 2nd in conference

**Men's Soccer** 13-7 overall, 9-0 MWC, Conference Champion

**Women's Soccer** 12-5-1 overall, 7-1-1 MWC, 2nd in conference

**Women's Tennis** 6-8 overall, 4-0 MWC North Division, 2nd in conference

**Cross Country** men 2nd in conference, women 3rd in conference

**Women's Golf** 3rd in conference

**Men's Basketball** 14-10 overall, 10-6 MWC, tied for 3rd in conference

**Women's Basketball** 22-5 overall, 15-1 MWC, Conference Champion, NCAA Second Round

**Men's Ice Hockey** 27-1-4 overall, 10-0-4 NCHA, Conference Champion, NCAA Champion

**Women's Swimming** 7th in conference

**Indoor Track** men tied for 3rd in conference, women 3rd in conference

**Outdoor Track** men 3rd in conference, women 3rd in conference

**Men's Tennis** 14-13 overall, 4-0 MWC North Division, 3rd in conference

**Men's Golf** 7th in conference

**Women's Softball** 16-16 overall, 6-2 MWC North Division, 3rd in conference

**Baseball** 25-11 overall, 13-3 MWC North Division, 3rd in conference



# Quick off the blocks

A year that saw significant successes and a promising outlook for upcoming seasons also introduced a new coach to track and field, and cross country, at St. Norbert.

With four qualifiers at nationals and new records set, **Don Augustine** can



**Don Augustine**

acknowledge the prowess of his athletes without losing sight of bigger goals for the future.

"All in all it was a pretty successful year. Obviously, to get recognition at national level is

something to strive for every year.

"I told the kids our goal is to be first, not to be second or third. Right now we have great kids and great talent but we don't have enough of it. Instead of having one great competitor in an event we need to have two or three that will help us start to improve in conference."

Augustine comes to St. Norbert from coaching football and track at his own alma mater, Westminster College. As a student-athlete there, he played football and was a standout middle-distance runner.

The move to St. Norbert in the summer of 2007 meant picking up a third sport straight away. New to cross country, Augustine was concerned about earning the respect of the team but, as it turned out, he needn't have worried. The fall season saw the highest finish in school history. And two harriers reached nationals, another first.

"I think the service component the college stresses is evident because those kids are willing to give up a lot of themselves," says Augustine. "You have kids running upwards of 70-80 miles a week—you're talking an hour and a half a day. Some kids are running upwards of 100 miles. When you're able to be self-motivated enough to do that on your own—that was a total shock to me.

"They're quirky at times. It takes a different kind of kid to be a cross country runner. It takes a different kind of kid to be a pole-vaulter. They'd be the first to admit it, that they're considered different by other people. To run 100 miles a week, you've got to be a little bit crazy. To put yourself 15 feet in the air upside down, you've got to

be a little crazy. They're great kids but there's got to be a screw loose somewhere for them to consider doing those things!"

Augustine considers next year's juniors on the men's team to be as talented as any who have come through St. Norbert. On the women's side, he will lose a couple of seniors and anticipates a very young team. However, the potential he sees in some of the freshmen joining the program has him optimistic going into the fall season. ○

## And the results are in

Runners **Jeff Pentek '08**, **Ashley Graybill '09** and **Jenny Scherer '10** qualified for the NCAA Div. III Outdoor Championship.

Pentek and Scherer also qualified for the NCAA Div. III National Cross Country Meet.

Graybill set new school records in 200-, 400- and 600-meter events. Graybill and jumper **Melissa Fabry '07** both placed high enough to earn All-American honors. Graybill, Scherer and Pentek were named Conference Performers of the Year.

Pole-vaulter **Alex Albers '08** set a school record with a vault of 14 feet, 9½ inches.

# Saving the (rainy) day

By **Katrina Marshall '10**

Baseball. Women's softball. Men's track and field. Women's track and field. Men's golf. All five St. Norbert teams suffered through the prolonged spell of rainy weather that defined Wisconsin's spring this year.

Limited opportunities for outdoor training meant that the athletes could not always get the full feel of the game. As **Jordan Vater '09** of the baseball team said, "There really isn't any way to simulate a live game indoors."

Efforts to practice as usual only complicated the situation. Track athlete **John Barrett '10** said teams find themselves competing for indoor facilities.

**Tim Bald**, director of athletics and physical education, said sometimes practices had to be held late at night or early in the morning before classes started, just so each team could squeeze in some time. "It was the worst spring in 10 years," he said.

The actual seasons were compressed, as well. This was the most stressful part, according to golfer **Mike Zera '09**. Teams sometimes played multiple games or attended multiple meets in the same week, just to complete the season.

Rescheduling meant contacting opposing teams, fans, officials, parents, coaches and professors.

"Most of the professors are pretty understanding about our circumstances, especially in a year like this," said Vater.

"They do everything they can to make exam times flexible and allow us to make up class work."

And softball player **Erin Pamperin '08** said there were positives to be derived from the wet season. "One major part of being an athlete is being able to adapt quickly and easily," she said. "Yes, we may have had awful weather this spring. But that should not deter hard work or team morale. Championship teams are able to overcome adversity and pull together.

"The weather may have been a roadblock, but I know that it has taught my teammates and me many important lessons that can carry us through life, such as perseverance, adaptability and the significance of having a positive attitude." ○





The Inauguration of Thomas Kunkel

**October 6-10, 2008**

*A week of celebration  
to mark the anniversary of  
the founding of St. Norbert College  
and the inauguration of  
its seventh president*

## IN SUMMERY MOOD

*If you'd like to make St. Norbert part of your travel plans, any of these events could enhance the season. Details of these and many upcoming activities on campus can be found online at [www.snc.edu/calendar](http://www.snc.edu/calendar).*

July 15-Aug. 12	Knights on the Fox outdoor concert series, Tuesday evenings
July 17-27	"A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the Forum," presented by Music Theatre
Aug. 24	Convocation, Mass of the Holy Spirit and campus picnic
Sept. 26-28	Family Weekend
Sept. 28-29	American Brass Quintet concert
Oct. 6-10	Heritage Days
Oct. 9	Sr. Helen Prejean lecture
Oct. 10	Founder's Day and inauguration of the seventh president of St. Norbert College
Oct. 17-19	Reunion/Homecoming Weekend
Oct. 31-Nov. 8	"Frankenstein," presented by St. Norbert College Theatre